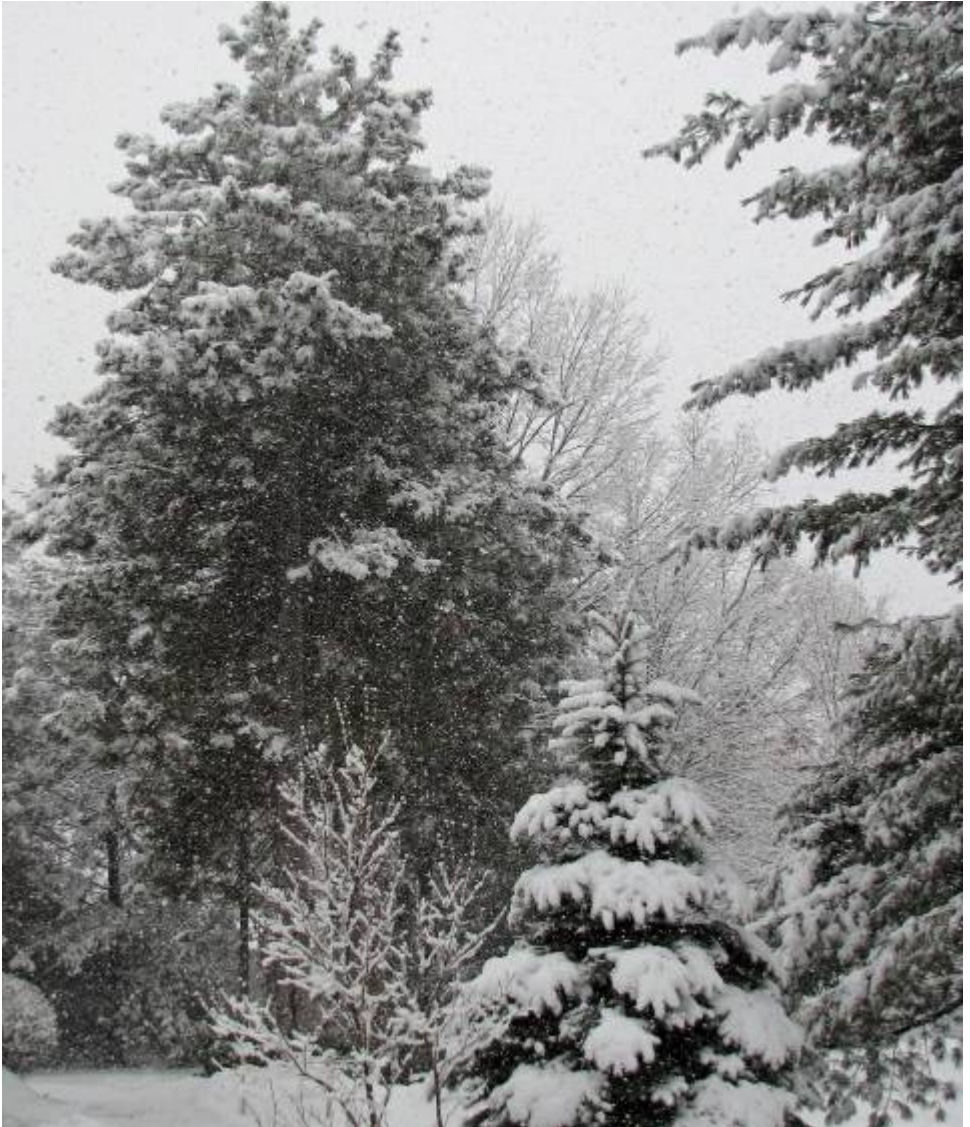




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Mensa:

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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March Calendar

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

The March Brunch will be held at **Minerva's Restaurant** in the Park Place Hotel, 300 E. State Street, near downtown in Traverse City. We will meet in the small dining room.

NOTE:- New Brunch Time and Location!

Also, there will be an Executive Committee meeting during the brunch. All members are invited to attend.

T.G.I.F. - Friday, 22 March 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 March Birthday

1	Kenneth F. Bryson	20	Joan E. Dasef
15	Brett A. Pharo	26	Charles R. Fricke
17	Eric Sanko	30	Sherry M. McNamara

Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

31	William E. Hagan	5	Bernard Hanchett
26	Harold W. Smith	4	Robert B. Pierson
13	John A. Thorne	3	Judith L. Cools
12	Charles R. Fricke	3	Gary S. Cools
11	Sherry M. McNamara	1	Roger M. Mullet
11	Mary K. Shaw	1	Joseph Walewski
11	Susan A. Styles		

Members New to Our Group - Welcome!

Joseph Walewski

January 2013 Statistics	AML	NMM
Total membership	54,434	84
New and reinstating membership	254	1
Offers of membership	595	0
New members since April 2012	2,979	12
Reinstating members since April 2012	3,175	16

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 1/31/2013. 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".

CultureQuest

CultureQuest, Mensa's annual mind challenge, is scheduled for April 28, 2013. Members interested in participating should register with Bobbi Walker before the deadline of March 31. Contact her at 231 932 1473.

From the LocSec

By Richard Thibeau

The ExComm will be having another quarterly meeting at the brunch on the second Saturday of March. Anyone having any suggestions or ideas for the good of the group, please email one of the officers to let us know.

reMark

By Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3

Here's hoping Spring comes in like a lamb and early!

It's membership renewal time. Renewals are due by March 31. Annual dues are \$70.00 unless specified in a multi-year or life plan. Memberships for additional Mensan family members are available for \$47.00/membership and may only be purchased in single-year increments. Additional Family Memberships do not include subscriptions to the Mensa Bulletin or to Local Group newsletters. Additional family members must live in the same household as a primary member

and must be members of the same Local Group. You may pay on-line by using this link: <https://www.us.mensa.org/AML/?LinkServID=E29B963B-116B-4345-8777B6A0DB84D8E6> or you may also pay by check or money order by sending your payment (\$U.S.) to American Mensa, PO Box 916088, Fort Worth, Texas 76191-6088. Please include your member number with your payment. If you would like a renewal bill mailed to you, please contact a Member Service Representative at 888/294-8035 ext. 199.

I hope you will be in Miamisburg as Dayton Area Mensa hosts DAMNations 26: Triskadeka Times Two (or times three because it's 2013!) (My last AMC meeting is the same weekend and I will be in Washington, D.C., wishing I were there.) 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 \$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. If you stay at the RG hotel and your name is drawn at the Saturday night drawing, your hotel bill (no extras) will be paid in full! There will be a 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 a free drink & hot buffet breakfast. See why it is #34! Registration rate through April 15 is \$80; \$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 semmanantics@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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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.

ZIV WD LPFDJXIY VEGV HI GYI GZZ

OGYVJGZZQ JFDGEFI. JV HJZZ IBOZGJF WD VP

IGLE PVEIY; JV HJZZ WFYJXXZI CGFQ

YJXXZID. ~ CGYR VHGJF

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

Answer to last month's Cryptogram:

I have a hobby. I have the world's largest collection of sea shells. I keep it scattered on beaches all over the world. Maybe you've seen some of it.

~ Stephen Wright
