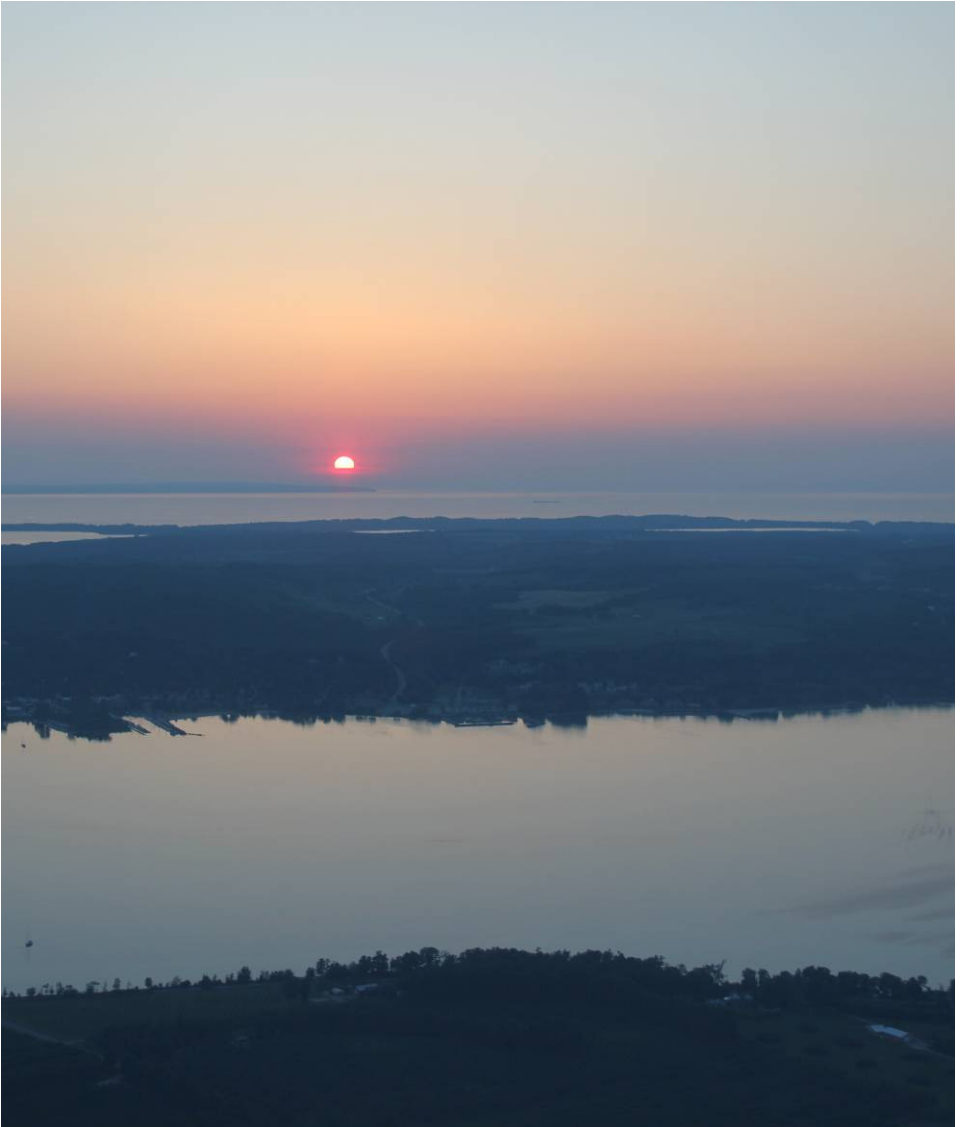




# Borealis

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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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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:**

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**Deadline:**

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# April Calendar

## **BOOK CLUB - Saturday, 6 April 2013, at 11:00 a.m.**

The April book club selection will be ***The Round House*** by Louise Erdrich and presented by Jack Schultz. (See the review on page 3) Our meeting will be held at BC Pizza, 3186 LaFranier, Traverse City.

In addition, we will also be discussing the film ***Rust and Bone*** which was presented as part of the Bay Film Series at the Bay Theater in Sutton's Bay on March 3-5. Plan to attend to discuss either or both of these works.

## **BRUNCH - Saturday, 13 April 2013 at 10:30 a.m.**

The April Brunch will again 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. Our speakers will be from Habitat for Humanity. They will talk about the development going in at the old railroad depot in Traverse City, particularly about the 'green' design and the hurdles (and plusses) of this site.

## **T.G.I.F. - Friday, 26 April 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 April Birthday

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 7 John D. Whyte     | 18 Sandra L. Belyea |
| 10 John G. Swartout |                     |

## Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

- |                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 29 Cherie M. Gabriel  | 7 Kymberli A. Wregglesworth |
| 23 Thomas M. Barnhart | 5 Michael V. LaSusa         |
| 14 John D. Schultz    | 4 John R. Spraggins         |
| 12 Martha Barton      | 4 Thomas C. Remsperger      |
| 9 Carol J. Crawford   | 1 Corey Nielson             |

<b>February 2013 Statistics</b>	<b>AML</b>	<b>NMM</b>
Total membership	55,150	85
New and reinstating membership	259	1
Offers of membership	459	0
New members since April 2012	3,238	12
Reinstating members since April 2012	3,634	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](http://www.us.mensa.org) and click on "Member Login". Then click on "Profile Update" and "PDQ Update".

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## reMark

**By Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3**

Snow! I am writing this at my sister's. My home has been without power since last night and I just might get power tonight - a better prediction than that given this morning, which had me powered by tomorrow night. It's cold and I wish I were in Florida or New Mexico or any place warm.

I know you had a fabulous time in Miamisburg at Dayton Area Mensa's DAM-Nations 26: Triskadeka Times Two. I so wish I could have been there. Region 3 has the very best regional gatherings and I do hope you will treat yourself to them.

It's time to register for Southeast Michigan Mensa's SEMMantics XXXIV, to be held 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 [semmantics@sbcglobal.net](mailto:semmantics@sbcglobal.net). Hotel: Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 37529 Grand River Ave, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; [www.HolidayInn.com](http://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](mailto:larry@arbanas.org).

Mensa's next Annual Gathering will be in Fort Worth, Texas, July 3-7. Information can be found at <http://ag2013.us.mensa.org/>. It's going to be a great party! You may register for the 2013 Colloquium, Between Science Fiction and Science, which is being held July 2, immediately preceding the AG. That information can be found on the AG website, also.

Columbus Area Mensa and Western Pennsylvania Area Mensa will be hosting RGs this year. I'll post information as soon as it is available.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

LLAP and Peace,

**Betsy**

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**The Round House**  
**Bibliomensans' Book for April**  
**By Louise Erdrich- 336 pages**

National Book Award Winner. One Sunday in the spring of 1988, a woman living on a reservation in North Dakota is attacked. The details of the crime are slow to surface as Geraldine Coutts is traumatized and reluctant to relive or reveal what happened, either to the police or to her husband, Bazil, and thirteen-year-old son, Joe. In one day, Joe's life is irrevocably transformed. He tries to heal his mother, but she will not leave her bed and slips into an abyss of solitude. Increasingly alone, Joe finds himself thrust prematurely into an adult world for which he is ill prepared.

The book is written with undeniable urgency, and illuminates the harsh realities of contemporary life in a community where Ojibwe and white live uneasily together.

# 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.

PC IKO JC HOFPQCXVCKJQC PBUG FUGCY TCO'A

HOFPQCXVC JWU PC IKOOFU JC PBAC PBUG

FUGCY TCO'A PBAXFT. ~TBIGCQ XC TFOUKBVOC

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

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### Answer to last month's Cryptogram:

Let us consider that we are all partially insane. It will explain us to each other; it will unriddle many riddles. ~Mark Twain

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### Notable Quotation

"To me, old age is always 15 years older than I am."  
Bernard Baruch