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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.

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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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ON THE COVER: Sunset at Wilderness State Park. Photo by Stan Cain.



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June Calendar

BOOK CLUB - Saturday, 1 June 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

The June book club selection will be: *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali presented by Jim McDermott. Meet at BC Pizza, 3186 La Franier, Traverse City. This is near the corner of S. Airport Rd.

BRUNCH - Saturday, 8 June 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

The June Brunch will be held at Martha's Leelanau Table, 413 North St. Joseph Street, one block north of downtown Sutton's Bay. Weather permitting, we will dine outside!

T.G.I.F. - Friday, 28 June 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 June Birthday

4	Bartholomew G. Halliday III	23	Sherry L. Saites
23	William E. Hagan	29	Bernard Hanchett

Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

11	Corinne Mowrey	8	Judith W. Lindenau
10	Stanley D. Cain	3	Patrick Sullivan

Members New to Our Group - Welcome!

Michael R. Carey Roger Meintz

April 2013 Statistics

	<u>AML</u>	<u>NMM</u>
Total membership	56,743	71
New and reinstating membership	640	2
Offers of membership	225	0
New members since April 2012	3,556	15
Reinstating members since April 2012	4,295	18

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 4/30/2013. 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".

reMark

By Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3

This is it! My Swan Song! My last hurrah! The end of an era! It's been quite a ride. Yes, this is my final column as Regional Vice Chairman for The Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Region 3 of American Mensa. Like a roller coaster, these past four years have had their ups and downs, turns and twists, ins and outs. Region 3 has acquired many new members and we've lost some very dear ones. Many groups have taken on the challenge of updating their By-Laws. All groups have had fabulous meetings and events and parties and many have hosted RGs, mini-RGs and LDWs. Through it all, it has been my distinct pleasure to have been your representative on the American Mensa Committee. I've met new friends and further cemented relationships with old friends in every one of Region 3's local groups as I was privileged to visit all of them. You are truly the very best of friends and family. Thank you. Thank you to all who volunteered and helped me, to all who volunteered to help your local group in any way, to all who attended any Mensa event, to all who read any Mensa newsletter or the Bulletin, to all who continue to be Mensans. You are wonderful people and I am honored to be associated with you. It has been an honor, a privilege and a pleasure. Thank you.

As of the submission date for this column, elections are still happening and we won't know who our new RVC3 will be until after June 1st. Please welcome Julia or John as s/he begins her/his new adventure. Without question, Region 3 will be well represented on the AMC.

Thank you, again.

LLAP and Peace,

Betsy

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May Brunch By Stan Cain

The May brunch featured Barb Smith, a member of the Occupy TC organization. Barb mentioned that there are still members of the group protesting weekly on Front Street near Park in downtown Traverse City. However, she noted that the focus of the group has shifted to include other areas of inequality in addition to the original Wall Street Areas such as the high ratio between the income of corporate executives and the average worker in their employ and other areas of inequality in our society. You can check them out at [facebook.com/occupyTC](https://www.facebook.com/occupyTC)

Help Wanted !

There are currently several vacancies in leadership positions within NMM. While all are important, that of **Scholarship Chair** will need to be filled soon in order to be ready to organize next year's scholarships. Contact Jack Schultz at 231 640 4569. Newcomers to our group, this is a great opportunity to become more involved and provide a needed service within the organization.

Volunteers are needed to fill the following positions:

Petoskey Area Subgroup Coordinator
Publicity Chair
Scholarship Chair
Web Contact

Please contact LocSec, Richard Thibeau, at locsecnmm@gmail.com.

Editor's Note:

Due to space limitations this month, Betsy Mark's column, **reMark**, appearing here, has been truncated from the original. Please read her entire article online at the Region 3 web site - <http://www.region3.us.mensa.org/>

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.

X WGUSRP KDNLGR WSUDL SR X WGUSRP EGNWO.

X AGLYSWD KDNLGR WSUDL SR X AGLYSWD

EGNWO: DUDNQGRD QGJ IDDY SL QGJN ISNNGN.

~BDR BDQDL VN

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

Answer to last month's Cryptogram:

Never explain—your friends do not need it and your enemies will not believe it anyhow. ~Elbert Hubbard