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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.

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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ON THE COVER: A snow covered stream in Northern Michigan.
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December Calendar

BOOK CLUB - Saturday, 7 December 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

We will meet at BC Pizza, 3186 Lafranier, Traverse City. The December book club selection will be: *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age* by Kevin Boyle and presented by Bernie Hanchett.

BRUNCH - Saturday, 14 December 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

The December Brunch will be held at The Bay Town Kitchen (formerly the Cottage Café), 420 Munson Ave., Traverse City. We will meet in the far dining room.

T.G.I.F. - Friday, 20 December 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

(NOTE new day this month to avoid Christmas weekend)

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 December Birthday

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|----|-----------------|----|----------------|
| 7 | Dennis J. Olsen | 15 | Carole Eberly |
| 8 | Stan Cain | 28 | Duane Anderson |
| 11 | John A. Thorne | | |

Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

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|---|--------------------------|----|-----------------|
| 5 | Duane Anderson | 13 | Eric Sanko |
| | Bartholomew Halliday III | 25 | Peter J. Turkus |
| 7 | Vicki L. Carpenter | | |

Members New to Our Group – Welcome!

Natalie Simmons

October 2013 Statistics	AML	NMM
Total membership	51,814	75
New and reinstating membership	441	1
Offers of membership	595	2
New members since April 2013	1,921	17
Reinstating members since April 2013	1,668	20

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 10/30/2013. 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".

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Election Process Update

It's now official. We have a newly elected slate of officers for Northern Michigan Mensa and they will serve for the two-year period of 2014 and 2015. The nominating committee nominated five people who were willing to serve, and no additional nominations came in by the November 15 deadline. Therefore, according to our bylaws, the five will become the elected members of our new ExComm on January 1, 2014. They are:

Stan Cain	Traverse City
Carole Eberly	Traverse City
K C Mowrey	Cadillac
Erik Snyder	Gaylord
Susan Styles	Elk Rapids

The next step is for the five newly elected members to meet and decide among themselves the office that each member will hold. They will also discuss who might be appointed to the various other non-voting officer positions on the ExComm. Then, on or right after January 1, the new LocSec will make such appointments. If you're interested in being considered for an appointed position, look at the list near the front of this issue of Borealis to see what officer positions we have, and then let your interest be known.

Our best wishes to the new voting members as they seek to provide new vitality to our organization. All of us need to support them in this task, and that can best be done by making suggestions about what you'd like to see our local group accomplish in the next two years.

Jack Schultz, Bernard Hanchett, Tom Barnhart
NMM Election Committee

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Photo Roundup



From the November Brunch



**and from the
Annual Picnic**

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.

CV JZ JQH VGHX NHCNYF VRXV, R NHWYZUH

WURNH, BUCJQ, YEVJ, HXGF CXN SUHNN.

SYEJJZXF CXN VYZJQ R WUHJFF IEQO WYCX IF

NCF CUZEXN

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

Answer to last month's Cryptogram:

Never believe straight off in a man's unhappiness. Ask him if he can still sleep. If the answer is "yes," all's well. That is enough. ~Céline

Editor's note: Ruth had prepared a supply of these popular puzzles before her recent death. Borealis will continue to feature them while they last.