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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.

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ON THE COVER: A lonely bird feeder in winter. Photo by Stan Cain



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January Calendar

ExComm Meeting - Saturday, 11 January 2014 at 10:00 a.m..

The meeting will be immediately before the brunch at the Bay Town Kitchen. On the agenda will be the ExComm appointment confirmations and next year's budget. All members are welcome to attend the meeting.

BRUNCH - Saturday, 11 January 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

The January 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, 24 January 2014 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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Members New to Our Group - Welcome!

Kathryn Hansz

<u>November 2013 Statistics</u>	<u>AML</u>	<u>NMM</u>
Total membership	52,500	78
New and reinstating membership	577	3
Offers of membership	277	0
New members since April 2013	2,281	18
Reinstating members since April 2013	1,885	22

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 11/30/2013. 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".

The Loc Sec's Report

By Stan Cain

The new ExComm members and their positions as of January 1, 2014 are:

Stan Cain	Local Secretary
K C Mowrey	Deputy Local Secretary
Susan Styles	Treasurer
Carole Eberly	At Large
Erik Snyder	At Large

I have contacted and gotten responses from some members who are willing to assume or continue the following duties:

Newsletter Editor	Stan Cain
Financial Overseer	Richard Thibeau
Membership	Richard Thibeau
Ombudsman	Pete Turkus
Petoskey Area	
Subgroup Coordinator	Vacant
Program Chair	Vacant
Publicity Chair	Vacant
Scholarship Chair	Vacant (Jack Schultz will handle the current session in progress)
SIGHT Coordinator	Melissa J. Rennie
Testing Coordinator	John D. Schultz
Web Contact	Vacant
OTHER MEMBERS	
Proctors	Susan A. Styles Melissa J. Rennie

At the first board meeting scheduled for January, these appointments will need to be confirmed and we will all be off and running.

As you can see, there are a number of vacancies remaining to be filled. This is a good opportunity for you (and especially for you newer members) to get to know your organization and fellow members more intimately. Contact me or any board member and let us know.

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News from the RVC3

I've been in a job search much longer than I had wished and a recent interview illustrated how much others impact who I am. The potential employer is a non-profit organization offering business networking opportunity, continuing education seminars and providing a scholarship program to encourage young people to pursue their field...sounds a little like Mensa. We were only five minutes into the hour-long interview with four of their staff when one asked more about Mensa. [Yes, it's on my resume when the experience matches the job requirements.]

I told them how I sometimes took on responsibilities no one else wanted to do in Mensa, and eventually achieved a competency in many areas I hadn't planned on. I found a comfort zone in Mensa for a job I knew I could do and was encouraged to step out of my comfort zone later when there was a job that required more than I thought I could do. It's that comfort zone that I find significant in what I can accomplish.

Even if you don't volunteer in Mensa, you have to find your comfort zone in the social network, or you won't be back. Mensa is much like dating or searching for the right filament material for the first light bulb. You may learn hundreds of ways not to be successful before you find one success that makes a difference. You have to be interested in the eventual outcome to stay with it. If you persevere, you might just find your Mensa-family. It could be hosting a local event, judging scholarship essays, writing for your newsletter or website, speaking at or running an RG, posting in the Forums or on Facebook, or attending Mind Games, Culture Quest, or the AG each year. When you find your zone, we all benefit and you may learn a few things about yourself. I did.

FWIW, I thought I aced the interview. The skill match was excellent, the conversation with four interviewers was often animated and a week later they offered the job to someone else. So, this one didn't work out. If I've learned anything in Mensa, it's that the next opportunity can be just as interesting.

Your mileage may vary ;)

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Bibliomensans Reading List - 2014

Here is the list of Book Club selections for the year. The club meets every other month and any member is welcome to attend.

FEBRUARY 1

Book: Escape from Camp 14

Author: Blaine Harden

Presenter: Jim McDermott

APRIL 5

Book: The Book Thief

Author: Marcus Zusak

Presenter: Stan Cain

JUNE 7

Book: The Goldfinch

Author: Donna Tartt

Presenter: Judith Lindenau

AUGUST 2

Book: A Superior Death

Author: Nevada Barr

Presenter: Jack Schultz

OCTOBER 4

Book: Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain
in Its Darkest, Finest Hour

Author: Lynne Olson

Presenter: Sherry McNamara

DECEMBER 6

Book: Men to Match my Mountains

Author: Irving Stone

Presenter: Heather Gruenberg-Seeger

Escape from Camp 14

Bibliomensans' Book for February

By Blaine Harden - 224 pages

Harden's harrowing narrative of the only known person born inside a North Korean prison camp to ever have escaped, exposes a hidden world, focusing on an extraordinary young man who came of age inside the highest security prison in the highest security state. Escape from Camp 14 offers an unequalled inside account of one of the world's darkest nations. It is a tale of endurance and courage, survival and hope.

Treasurer's Report as of 31 December 2013

Submitted by Sue Styles

Bank Reconciliation

Fund	1/1/2013	12/31/2013	Change
Friend Fund	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Scholarships	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
General Opns.	\$ 3,253.57	\$ 3,733.36	\$ 479.79
Total Checking	\$ 4,403.57	\$ 3,883.36	\$ (520.21)
Savings	\$ 103.67	\$ 103.67	\$ -
Total	\$ 4,507.24	\$ 3,987.03	\$ (520.21)

Income and Expenses

Income	Budget	Year To Date	Remaining
National Office Allocation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 774.12	\$ 225.88
Testing Fees	\$ 150.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 40.00
Interest Income	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.92	\$ 3.08
Fund Raising	\$ 245.00	\$ -	\$ 245.00
Total Income	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 886.04	\$ 513.96
Expenses			
Newsletter	\$ 450.00	\$ 230.05	\$ 219.95
Office / Incidentals	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Activities / Programs	\$ 200.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 60.00
Publicity	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Scholarships	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (500.00)
Proctor / Testing	\$ 50.00	\$ 36.20	\$ 13.80
Stipend for Reg/Ntl. Events	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Membership	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,406.25	\$ (6.25)
Total Income Less Expenses	\$ -	\$ (520.21)	\$ 520.21

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.

DRMDCR NUJK UKRHT H WMPR WRQHITR ZVRB KM

JMZ KUTZUJYIUTV WRZLRRJ CUFR MJRT HJK

TZINNRK MJRT MJ H TVRCN. ~REPH DMIJK

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

Answer to last month's Cryptogram:

As to the Seven Deadly Sins, I deplore Pride, Wrath, Lust, Envy and Greed. Gluttony and Sloth I pretty much plan my day around. ~Robert Brault

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.