

From the Editor: Two Great Events!

We have two great events ahead this spring and early summer: the leadership Development Workshop and the Second Annual Potluck Picnic and Fireworks Regional Gathering.

The LDW will be held at the Radisson in Fargo on May 13-15. Tony Jackowski is still finalizing speakers and events and couldn't say much at this stage except that it will include "some nationally known names, including someone from the National Office Staff, three past AG Chairmen, and past and current National editors." More details will be available soon and will be posted at <http://www.northdakota.us.mensa.org/bboard.htm>. Please let Tony know if you are coming so he can reserve a spot for you.

The news about the RG is that we have extended it from two days to three! To the test session, potluck picnic, canoeing, fireworks, and restaurant brunch we enjoyed so much last year, we have added a dress-up dinner on Friday night, followed by a "Murder Mystery" event Brian is planning, dancing to the antique player piano in the President's House, and an informal brunch on Saturday morning. RVC Tony is planning to attend, and some of those other "nationally known names" from the LDW may well decide to come back for it.

People are coming from as far as Washington, Maryland, and Virginia to attend the RG, and we hope to have many more attendees for whom it is closer to home. The dress-up dinner will be held at 6:30 or 7 (cocktails start at 5) to accommodate members who are driving here after work. (If you are coming straight from work, don't worry about the "dress-up" part – we aren't dressing up *too* much, not exactly black-tie, and are doing it for fun. What you wore to work will be fine.)

Consider staying overnight, even if you aren't coming far. The charming "Maid's Room" at the President's House is still available, and although it's listed as a single, it has a full bed and could sleep two. One double room may become available again if the occupants have to cancel, and the #1 spot on the waiting list is still open. Mensans and friends who sign up after the President's House is full can sleep at the nearby Wagon Wheel Inn, which also has an RV park. (By the way, the Wagon Wheel has a swimming pool too, and the President's House has the VCSU pool just down the block.)

Costs are being kept remarkably low for a full-scale RG which might just be the best one you've ever attended! That is because we aren't using it as a fund-raiser, but only want to have a great time and cover our costs – and by keeping costs low, we hope to attract as many Mensans as possible. The more Mensans, the more fun – call it a "fun-raiser"...groan...