

Loc Sec's Column

It has already been a busy year. In January Allan & I went to Grand Forks for the annual Marketplace of Ideas and set up an informational display that we had obtained from National. We handed out quite a few bookmarks and brochures and fielded questions about North Dakota Mensa. I believe we got pretty good exposure as a result. Our membership has been growing at a steady pace so far this year.

March 28th Ann Knudson, Marcy Dickerson, Allan Tinker, and myself met in McClusky for a full hour and a half of mind-rending torture as we fielded a team for the annual CultureQuest competition. We won't know till May how we performed... but what is important is that we had lots of fun and laughs representing North Dakota Mensa in this event. The event caught us a little by surprise this year as they held the event a month earlier this year. Hopefully next year we can field a couple more teams.

Our Editor with several other officers and members has been diligently working on ways to disseminate the Dawg and other information timely, effectively, and efficiently. This has included looking at transmitting digital forms of the newsletter and working on our web page(s). While there have been the usual wrinkles in accomplishing change, there has been continuing and significant progress. Look for further information elsewhere in this and in future issues and other communications.

I returned just prior to the CultureQuest from my semi-annual trip to Alaska. As always, I visited with the Alaskan Mensans while there. The Alaska LocSec, Denise Yancey, took some pictures and upon receiving a copy I will share in the Dawg.

We are now working on several other events including a "murder mystery event", "Detroit treasure hunt", and the summer/fall picnic. We are trying to plan events at varying locations in the State to maximize the opportunity for all members to attend one or more events. So look for continuing communications concerning North Dakota Mensa activities as the year progresses. Meanwhile, meal meetings are occurring about every other month in Fargo and Bismarck now and we are working on Grand Forks.

Please contact me directly with your ideas, concerns, suggestions, etc. Let's have a really great year!

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