

North Texas Mensa's Regional Gathering in Dallas was, as usual, a smash hit. In addition to the folks from other groups in Region 6, like Mensa 76, East Texas, South Texas, Lone Star, Gulf Coast, Permian Basin, Baton Rouge, Central Oklahoma, and New Mexico, there were visitors from Arizona, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, Vermont, and Washington State. More than 150 Ms in all – what a party! RG Chair Carol Hilson did her usual superb job of organization, Kevin Buchanan's Hospitality was memorable, and Karen Brack provided an incredible array of eclectic programs, while new member Anne White put together the most popular RG dance I've seen in years. If you missed it, plan to come next year. And, don't forget Gulf Coast Mensa's 2010 RG, coming up over Memorial Day Weekend in Houston.

The proposed Mensa cruise in March, unfortunately, had to be cancelled due to lack of interest, but the train trip to the Annual Gathering has drawn numerous responses and I look forward to seeing many of you aboard the Texas Eagle next summer. I'll be working with Amtrak to finalize plans for the trip during the next few weeks, and by February I should be able to give you all the details.

Turning from fun to serious business, it's almost time to begin thinking about American Mensa's next national election in 2011. We'll be appointing the national Nominating Committee soon, and I hope to see our Region well-represented. If any of you would like to serve on the national NomComm this time around, let your LocSec know right away, as I will be asking all of our Region's LocSecs for names of potential NomComm members before the middle of January. LocSecs, please be thinking about who in your group has been active in American Mensa, knows lots of other members, and would be a good choice for the NomComm. It would be preferable, though not required, if NomComm members can commit to attending the AG in Michigan, as there will be planning meetings and candidate interviews taking place at that time.

And, speaking of LocSecs, many groups recently went through local elections and have new officers taking over this month. My congratulations (or condolences) and best wishes to all of you who are newly elected to a leadership position in your local group. Please do not hesitate to contact me (rvc6@us.mensa.org) if I can be of assistance in any way.