

What an RG!

By any accounting we can think of, DAMNations 26: Triskaedeka Times Two was a success. We had a total of 138 people—the highest attendance in at least the last ten eight years. The hotel was a fantastic space for socializing, eating, and playing games. The programs were non-stop, interesting, educational, and fun—and sometimes all at once. (Several people came up to me to express their incredible awe at having a hawk on their arm.) The tournaments were well-attended and competitive. Everyone was well fed and well hydrated.

I thought I'd share some quotes from our Facebook Page.

- Thanks for a wonderful event and fantastic food!!! The new location was great. Fun games, fun times! *Nancy Alspach, Kentuckiana Mensa*
- Good times, everyone! Thanks to everyone who put on a great party, and I hope everyone made it home safely. Dayton has fabulous food, interesting programs and fun people. Kids' room right off the main area is a boon! Legos, Lincoln Logs for old school little kid fun and a Kinect for the older set. Thanks for having it! The new hotel is terrific, too, and I hope you get to use it again. *Rachel Nelli, Columbus Area Mensa*
- I really loved the new hotel and Laura Kay did a wonderful job with programming. I was starting to like the RG at the downtown Doubletree (and later unnamed hotel) less and less, and the new hotel is a vast improvement. Breathed a whole new breath of life into it. *Barry Austern, Cincinnati Area Mensa*
- Had a great time, got home safe. :) Hope y'all aren't snowed in tomorrow. *Nicki White, Western Pennsylvania Area Mensa*
- Discussion on the way home about how wonderful the DAM RG was once again. Sorry that we didn't get to say our goodbyes. Thanks guys. The winner of the DDCH tournament was Tonia. Terry and Charlie won the partners DDCH. *Shirley Klass, Western Pennsylvania Area Mensa*
- Yes – a truly great effort. I had a fabulous time! Happy to report that Laura Kay Schneider won the Party Animal vote. Thanks to Tiffany for taking the vote. Food was great. Programs were great. The hotel was great. Looking forward to next year!!!! *Mary Lee Kemper, Cincinnati Area Mensa*
- Had a great time at the RG! Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers! Especially Beth and Stan! Thanks especially to Laura Kay! You did a fantastic job with the RG program! A special thank you to Karren Lehman for doing a great job as our smiling RG Registrar! *Lori Balster, Dayton Area Mensa*
- Sometimes I leave an RG in awe of the work by those who made it happen, and today was one of those times. Beth Weiss and Sandy Johnson are simply goddesses of the goodies. And no, I am not biased in saying Laura Schneider was well deserved for winning the HELL's M's Party Animal for her most excellent work as Speaker Seeker. DAM Good Times. *Dan Schneider, Dayton Area Mensa*
- Colleen & I had SUCH a great time this weekend! Huge thanks to everyone who worked so hard but so joyfully to make it all happen. Great chow all weekend- the Asian dinner on Saturday

night was particularly good, everything so tasty.

Loved the comic book program. Loved "Cards Against Humanity." Loved the Joke-Off. Loved having the atrium for our communal space, so great to get continual washes of laughter, conversation, concentration during tournaments, all if it.

Already looking forward to next year. Thanks again, Dayton Area Mensa! You are mighty! *Alan Baltis, Cleveland Area Mensa*

- Very good RG, exceeding expectations. Venue is comfortable, convenient (1/3 mile off the interstate) and cheap. They have a new, aggressive Programs Chair who ran the speakers like Mussolini ran the trains. *George Dunn, Central Indiana Mensa*
- Wonderful weekend! Great food, games, programs, venue! Super hosts! Nuff said! *Karen Zwick, Central Indiana Mensa*
- It was awesome!!!!!! Thanks all *Tiffany Everett, Cincinnati Area Mensa*

And from the committee: We want to thank everyone who attended--we can't throw a great event without great attendees--and our attendees are amazing!

Note: Facebook event page for next year: www.tinyurl.com/damnations27. There's already discussion of next year's programs and food. So far, a couple of programs are lined up, and a craft track is being planned as well as those decadent chocolate chip cookies with Reese's cup centers! You can also find the recipe for Beth's mom's Raspberry Shortbread Bars. You can take advantage of the current \$55 rate and register on-line at www.dayton.us.mensa.org.

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