

## A Message from our AR State Questers President, Betsy Mertz

**It's 2024! Another great year to make a difference as a Quester!**

### **\*October 2023 Fall Fun Festival**

**Thank you** to all members and guests who joined us for **an afternoon at the U of the Ozarks in Clarksville, AR**. It was fun getting to know each other better, eating a great buffet, laughing while learning about our speaker's life living in Clarksville as a boy, family doctor, and a musician, and then outbidding each other for our favorite baked treats! The consensus was "Let's do it again!"

### **\*April 11-12, 2024 - AR Questers Spring Convention, Celebrating Questers' 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

**1. Come join us in Eureka Springs at the Historic Crescent Hotel with time to explore the town and/or go on a ghost tour of the hotel!** (I talked recently to our International Questers President, Pam Todd, who said she had hoped to join us, but had already accepted visiting other Questers' Spring Conventions out east. She said that she enjoyed a past visit to the Crescent Hotel, but her calm dog shook with fear every time she started to enter the hotel! Hmm.)

**2. Have fun sharing a room with 2 or more people.** Roll-a-way beds are \$10 extra.

**3. Dress up for dinner Thursday night to celebrate the 1940s (when Questers was founded).**

**4. Enjoy our Full Council Meeting** with news about each chapter and more.

Last year **EVERY CHAPTER PRESIDENT or a chapter representative reported** about their monthly programs and their work on a project or support of an historic entity. The **response from the attendees was, "WOW, we got some great ideas listening to the updates!"** **Thank you Chapter Presidents! Be prepared to report on your chapter again this year in Eureka Springs.** Best Program winners and certificates of participation will also be announced along with the winners of chapter donated baskets and other items.



### **\*AR Questers State Board News:**

**1. New 2<sup>nd</sup> VP appointed:** At the FFF Trail of Tears member Lisa Chaffin, our State 2<sup>nd</sup> VP asked step down due to her job's workload. **Davis Special member, Lacy Kennedy, our State Corresponding Secretary volunteered to replace Lisa Chaffin as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.** She was duly appointed by President Betsy Mertz. Thank you, Lacy!

**2. Best Program Contest:** After hearing President reports many wondered why more programs were not entered into the Best Program Contest. **Every chapter is strongly encouraged to send their Best Program Entry from February 2023 to February 2024.** Best Program entries will be accepted in all formats: mailed or emailed with descriptions and pictures or as a PowerPoint. Emailed entries are encouraged so they can be easily shared between the three judges.

**Entries are due by March 15, 2024.**

**Send entry to 1st VP Nancy Noyes, [nnoyes48@icloud.com](mailto:nnoyes48@icloud.com). (972-896-3909)**

### **\*Questers International Convention May 5-9, 2024**

**Bahia Resort on Mission Bay, San Diego**, a bungalow style hotel built in the '50s on Mission Bay. The hotel has many unique features including a sea lion pond, white sand beaches and more. All information and registration can be completed online at [calquest.org](http://calquest.org) (or send Printable Registration option.)



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