GIVE THE GIFT OF QUESTERS

How many occasions have you been in a conversation and mentioned “Questers” only to be asked “What is Questers?” Our unique organization is one of the best kept secrets! What can Questers do to change that? Give the gift of Questers!!! It can begin by simply answering the questions with, “We are an antique study group.” Follow that with an invitation to the next chapter meeting or a State/Provincial meeting or event. Give the gift of Questers’ friendship, Questers’ knowledge and Questers’ joy of learning.

Invite your friends, family members and associates. They are often overlooked or if they were once asked but declined, never asked again. Ask your spouse, daughters, new neighbors, recent retirees, especially teachers. Those that share their love of Questers are giving the gift of Questers and will draw in new members for their chapters.

Giving thanks to you, our State/Provincial Organizers:

- For your warm welcome to me as I called to introduce myself or provide a name.
- For your efforts to contact and then find a chapter for those making inquiries.
- For the enthusiasm and ideas you’ve expressed in our search for new members.
- For promoting The Questers in your community at every opportunity.
- For your dedication to The Questers shown by sharing your time and talents.

“IT’S FUN TO SEARCH...AND A JOY TO FIND.”
BESS BARDENS
Our founder is quoted as saying, “My first hobby will always be the collecting of Questers......”

“Jessie Elizabeth Bardens was a wife, mother and grandmother when she brought together like-minded women in her Fort Washington, PA home to become the first Questers.” ”Bess B was ever a busy bee but also a warm, vibrant, glowing person.” From “Founder’s Column” in The Questers, March 1959.

As Organizers, let us emulate Mrs. Bardens. Let us be extraordinary collectors of Questers to build up our chapters and to organize new chapters. Commit to adding new members, as membership must be our top priority. Mrs. Bardens would also want us always to have fun as we search for members and GROW QUESTERS.

NEW Chapter News
Corps of Discovery 1504, Eno Regulators 1505 & Yavapai

As a new chapter is being formed, it’s very helpful to have a Quester or two from an existing chapter available to help guide them through the process. These Questers can be Associate members (non-voting, non office holding) with their International dues paid only to their other chapter. As an example, The Corps of Discovery #1504 has one couple and 7 men as charter members and 7 associates (wives with membership in other chapters). Corps’ officers are men, who’ve proven capable and enthusiastic by providing a chapter book, giving programs, even adopting a P&R project with minimal help from the associate members. Yavapai #1506’s members are 8 new Questers (one male) and 2 transfers, plus an associate member. Like Corps and Yavapai, Eno Regulators #1505, has men as members.

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Quester Trivia:
- The Questers study organization formed in April, 1944.
- In 1956, THE QUESTERS’ service mark was registered with the United States Patent office.
- Philadelphia headquarters was purchased for $24,500 in 1967.
- In 1973, the first Scholarship was given for $2,500.
- 15,142 members in ’02-’03

7 of Corps of Discovery #1504’s charter members