

Annual Society Reports 2019-2020

Adventurers' Guild

In the past year the Adventurers' Guild has seen good success. We started the year with an open event which was attended by a larger number of people than originally expected. We managed to find more people to run games, which allowed us to increase the number of spots up to 40. Including Gamemasters this meant 48 people got together to play games. During the event, and in the newsletter that week, we communicated to Thalia members that we would be getting together the next week to form groups to play together for the rest of the semester. In total we ran 5 groups and the society numbered around 30 people. During the semester we organised a small gettogether for our members to have some drinks and be able to socialise some with other groups, since this did not happen much during our regular evenings. All of this went very well. For the second semester we set out to follow the same steps. We organised another open event, this time for a total of 36 people. Just like before we used the event and newsletter to inform members of the upcoming forming of groups. This semester we again played with 5 groups and numbered 27. Our plan was to organise another gettogether to improve contact between our members, but unfortunately plans had to change due to the global pandemic. About half of our groups were able to move online and continue play, which went rather well. But this is not for everyone, so the rest ended their games and did not play anymore for the semester. For the coming year we hope to be able to run some games and two events online, possibly returning to physical games once circumstances allow for it.

Checkmates

For the past year The Checkmates have had 1 or 2 events a month, where we met up for an evening of chess related activities in mercator. Sadly, this isn't possible at the moment because of the restrictions. However, we continue to have a chess related evening every other week or so. This is done online, to adhere to any covid-related rules. These evenings usually take form in some matches played between members, and some chess puzzles.

The checkmates have had their yearly open event on the 18th of August. This didn't lead to any new members in our society. However, besides the open event we have had some new members this year. These are members that have heard of our society through word of mouth and have shown to be active within our society and an overall great addition to The Checkmates.

Cooks' Guild

The cooks guild is happy with the activities we did in 2019-2020. The open event was a success and got the member count back to a healthy level. The coronavirus measures have a lot of impact on our activities and we are actively looking at opportunities to cook together while taking the measures into account.

35 Crafts Guild

As the Crafts Guild, we try to organize monthly events where we do some kind of creative activity. Past activities include origami, (diamond—sand) painting, and making Christmas balls (see also the appendix). While we were able to do so in the first half year of our existence, corona has made this more difficult. We did manage to maintain contact by hosting online activities on our
40 Crafts Guild Discord server where we each worked on our own "work in progress"es (WIPs), and by hosting activities outside.

Concerning the recruitment of new members, we hosted an open activity last year, and will do so again this year (at the time of this assembly, the activity should already have taken place, but at the time of writing, it has not). Last year, the open activity gave us quite a few new
45 members. Throughout the year we recruited some more members, and we feel like we currently have a member number that makes the society sustainable. We are however open for new members, as we feel like more members could still fit in. We will continue to use the open activities and other opportunities provided by Thalia to recruit new members. We also submitted texts for both the almanac and the first year orientation week booklet to make ourselves known among Thalia
50 members.

Appendix A

List of activities in academic year 2019-2020

- 2019-09-06: open activity; bleaching logos on t-shirts
- 2019-09-30: dream catchers
- 55 • 2019-11-11: diamond painting
- 2019-12-09: decorate Christmas balls
- 2020-01-06: bead animals
- 2020-02-17: knitting
- 2020-03-09: cross-stitch/embroidery
- 60 • March till June 2020: several online WIP nights
- 2020-07-13: WIP evening (in real life)
- 2020-08-10: creative for ten year olds (strijkkralen, scoubidou, origami)

As mentioned in the report, we have an event (action painting) planned for September 14th 2020.