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Send in your party stories, party tips, party restaurants, party theories. Tell us how you go about throwing a small party, a large party, a theme party, a games party, a quiet party, or a wild party.

Party Animal votes are submitted to Skinner; please also submit a picture and a write-up to the Editor.

Hell's M's is the Party SIG—so let's write about partying!

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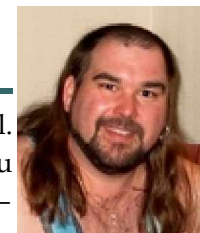
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Party Animal

Hall of Fame



Being elected Party Animal is special. Three times a Party Animal, and you join the Party Animal Hall of Fame—and that's *really* special.

Rob Foor (Niki's husband) joined the Party Animal Hall of Fame in April at the Dayton RG, making him the 12th person to become a Hall of Famer. He always has a smile, a "Hi, babe!" and a hug for his friends. At the last Dayton Games Night, he was unbeatable at euchre!



Niki Foor (Rob's wife) joined the Hall of Fame at the 2002 Dayton RG.

Niki's idea of "throwing a snack together" is equivalent to many people's idea of "slave all day in the kitchen"—and she does it with a smile and still makes time to play euchre, Quiddler, Encore, and to dance late into the evening.

Dayton RG attendees know what type of Hospitality these two put on. For a sample of what they offer their overnight New Year's Eve guests, check out Niki's Breakfast Casserole recipe on page 12.

PARTY SMART

A Hell's M's party is any party, large or small, where everyone participating in or affected by the party has good memories the day after.

Skinner Sez

Skinner, Dayton Area Mensa, skinner@hellsms.com



Hi there. Here is a quick overview of what is going on for us.

1. Right now we have 2300 members of Hell's M's with 190 of them paying dues to get the newsletter and to support the Party Animal awards.
2. I said it last year and I can say it again. I am enjoying the daily connection with other Hell's M's that I get by being a part of the **Yahoo!** discussion group. This group was started in February 2000 and since then we have shared 40200 messages with each other. We have people from all over the USA and some individuals in Italy, Switzerland, British Isles, and Belgium. Join at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HellsMs/join>
3. At the SIG meeting we will again discuss how we handle sanctioned events. The first couple we did were set up so that any profit generated went to the SIG treasury. It has been brought up that there may be better ways to handle any profit **and** recognize that we were asking the host to assume the financial risk.
4. We will also be talking about how we can best respond to the issue that was brought up at the Name and Logo Committee about the continued permission for Dayton Area Mensa to print the HELL'S MENSANS shirts.
5. We will have some Booteak items to sell. As it stands we will have the last three Hell's M's mugs to auction off during the SIG meeting. We will have just a few shirts so don't count on getting one at the AG. If you want a new shirt, order it now.
6. It is renewal time!!!! Use the order form to send in your renewal. It is only \$8.00 and we need it to support the newsletter and Party Animal awards.

Skinner

Beth's Turn

Beth Weiss, Dayton Area Mensa,
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Hi everyone! I'm the new editor of PARTY SMART. Skinner asked me to "introduce myself".

I've been a member of Mensa about a year and a half, and the first event I attended was a party at Skinner and Yvonne's—and it definitely fit the Hell's M's credo of good memories the next day. New Year's Eve came soon after, and then the Indianapolis RG, and by then, well, by then I was hooked.

I started out stubborn—because everyone else had joined Hell's M's I wasn't going to! I know some people started out wondering "What the heck is Hell's M's?"—I knew—I just didn't want to "jump on the bandwagon". I even could have voted for Party Animal if I'd wanted to, because Skinner couldn't seem to remember that I hadn't joined.

I'm a computer geek, so I looked for on-line groups of Ms, and discovered the **Hell's M's Yahoo!** group and joined that. I joined a few others as well—but they weren't as interesting, and I didn't stick around. After a while, not joining Hell's M's seemed like cheating—I hung out with Hell's M's, I participated on the **Hell's M's Yahoo!** group, and well, it just seemed I ought to **be** a Hell's M.

I wrote my check, ordered my *Dayton Chapter* tank top, and became official. (For the record, I have never **worn** that tank top, or my *Primordial Ooohs and Aaahs* shirt either.) I do expect to wear my *Boingy!* *Boingy!* sarong, though!

Skinner says I have "Raise My Hand" syndrome, and he might well be right. I do tend to be heavily committed—that reminds me, have you registered for the 2004 Dayton RG yet? Or signed up to bring your kids to the Columbus and/or Cincinnati RGs? When was the last time you took a look at the Region 3 website? Okay—at least I won't invite the Hell's M's group to a Girl Scout meeting!

Day at Work vs Day at an RG

*Rochelle LeFarth, St. Louis Area Mensa,
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Work... Have to get up early
RG..... Have to get up eventually

Work... They pay you, or you wouldn't go
RG..... You pay them, and you want to go

Work... Business attire
RG..... Hell's M's t-shirt

Work... Layoffs
RG..... Joke-offs

Work... Recycle printer mishaps
RG..... Recycle beer cans

Work... Check watch -- how long until 5:00 p.m.?
RG..... Check watch -- how long until fishbowl?

Work... Work your @\$\$ off, and watch others get promotions
RG..... Work your @\$\$ off as RG/Hospitality Chair and get elected Party Animal

Work... Lots of computer geeks
RG..... Okay, this one's a push

RG..... Hearts table
Work... Conference table

RG..... Beer
Work... No beer

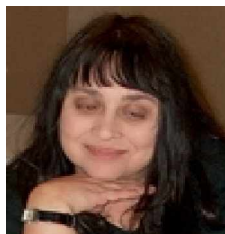
RG..... You hug people and they may like it
Work... You hug people and they may call EEO

RG..... Count days until the next RG
Work... Count years until retirement

RG..... 20 people in a hot tub made for 4
Work... 20 people share a raise suitable for 4

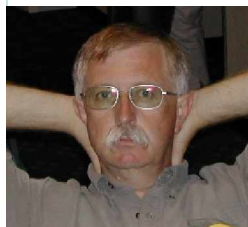
RG..... Multiple roomies = lowered expenses = more \$ for more RGs
Work... "What do you mean I have to **share** my cubicle??!?"

RG..... You have to miss an RG because of work obligations = :
Work... You have to miss a day at work to attend an RG = :)



Recent Party Animals

Greg Crawford



RG Junkie's RG

Indianapolis, Indiana, Feb 14-16, 2003

The RG Junkies' RG was planned for the RG goers who eat, who party, who dance, who play games, and who shift their schedules 6 hours forward. Hurrah for Greg for giving us a fix!

Kile Mullin

Crime and Punishment

St. Louis, Missouri, Feb 14-16, 2003

Kile claims his Henry VIII costume was chosen because of the Crime and Punishment theme. We think it was so he would be properly attired when he sang *I'm Hen-e-rey the Eighth, I Am* during the karaoke/dance. (Not shown are the ghosts of Anne Boleyn and Jane Seymour, who accompanied Kile/Henry to the dance.)



Betsy Mark



SEMMantics XXV

Troy, Michigan, May 2-4, 2003

Betsy's ready smile and warm hello welcomed attendees at SEMMantics—and then she handed them the nametags she'd carefully hand printed. Betsy is a two-time Party Animal!

Mary Ann Craig

The Mother of All-Carolinah RGs

Greenville, SC, May 9-11, 2003

Mary Ann Craig greeted the arrivals in Greenville with the warm hospitality that has become synonymous with the All-Carolinah RG.



Hell's M's at the AG

Hell's M's will be having several events at the AG. If you haven't registered yet, visit <http://www.ag2003.com>—and be sure to reserve a hotel room. The main hotel is already sold out and the overflow hotel is filling up fast.

Prequel

We will start off with a **Prequel** on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in Kellogg Suite II. Come see who is already at the AG; we won't discuss business, but it's a great time to meet, greet, get a sticker for your name badge, adjourn and then go party!

Hospitality Staffing

We will do our 24 hours in Hospitality from midnight Wednesday to midnight Thursday. Skinner will have the sign up sheet with him, so look for him to get the time slot you want. Or, watch out for him so you don't get caught up in the work ;-).

SIG Meeting

The SIG meeting will take place on Friday at 2:00 p.m. in Kellogg Suite II. (If you want to be real lazy, you can just show up for the **Prequel** on Wednesday and stick around 'til the meeting on Friday.)

Mr. AG 2003 Competition

Mary Lee Kemper will represent Hell's M's as the vote counter at the Mr. AG 2003 competition.

An Unabashed Commercial

Come and take part in an interesting discussion on the evolution of consciousness and how it impacts the ways we communicate. Join Skinner for the latest *Sensuality and Sexuality* discussion at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday in Kellogg Suite II. (At the moment it is listed incorrectly on the web site; hopefully it will be corrected in the program.)

lots of nice peoples. :-))

Ok, I give up. Nothing to write about. Unless this is an article about "How not to write an article?" Or one about various topics I couldn't think much to write about..... :-) So, if anyone thinks that they can write better (and, be honest, who doesn't) go ahead and submit your musings to Beth.

Recently Formed Chapters

Primordial Ooohs ...and Aaahs

The idea for a new chapter of Hell's M's was conceived at the Scottsdale AG last month, during the program on Tantric Sex. The speaker talked of achieving connection, via sex, with "the original creative energy, the energy that created the universe." This inspired Dorine to lean over and whisper in Dave's ear "The primordial ooohs!"

To which he replied, "And aaahs." (They then spent a good deal of energy stifling their giggles so as not to disturb the program.) After the program, they shared their exchange with Virginia, who said, "Wouldn't that look great printed on a t-shirt?"

And so the *Primordial Ooohs* chapter was born. The shirts have the standard "HELL'S MENSANS" and flying owl on the front, and underneath it, the chapter name *THE PRIMORDIAL OOOHS*. On the back is printed ...AND AAAHS.

(In response to popular demand and the urgings of the Grammar Police, we took out the apostrophes that were originally proposed.)

Lonely Party Shirts

Here are some shirts that you can get at \$2.00 less than the listed price. See the order form for the list prices.

DAYTON CHAPTER (S)	GEMUETLICHKEIT (L, XL)
LA REPUBLIC DE TEJAS (XL)	STORMHENGE (XL)
Joy Boy GayM Toy (2 Ms)	HELL'S BELLES (M, XL)

“Hey, Lee, will you write an article for me?”

Lee Berkovits, Northern New Jersey Mensa, Lee@LeesAntiques.com

Beth sent me an email asking that I write something for PARTY SMART. I asked her what sort of article she wanted, and she suggested *“your habits that lead to such fascinating weblinks that you post to Hell’s M’s”*. Moi? Habits?? I don’t have any. Or any other religious garb either, for that matter. :-) But I do find that surfing a lot of news web sites leads to all sorts of interesting tidbits. Some of which methinks worth sharing.

Then she suggested that I write about transportation to RGs—how I manage to make it to so many distant ones, and what I go through to get there. Uh, no thanks. :-) Those stories are too well known by now..... Even the true ones.

“How I decide who to vote for for party animal?” I follow the rules. But it is interesting that “for for” can be used correctly in a sentence. :-) And, if one were to ask what is “for for” for..... :-))

“How I learned to play DDCH?” Who says I have? :-) Oh, the people I’ve beaten. Yeah, well, there is that. Hehehehe..... But then again, they’ve all beaten me too, so what lesson is there in this?

“Something interesting that happened to me because I was wearing a Hell’s M’s t-shirt?” Who says anything has? Can’t think of anything, really.

*“*somebody* has to write the original story of Boingy! Boingy!”* Yup, Beth, I’m sure you are right. Somebody does.... :-)

“What type of volunteering you best like at RGs and why?” Umm—working a hospitality shift is never boring. I get to see lots of fellow Ms, first dibs on the good food, and that good feeling of having helped out! Registration is easy to do and again, one gets to meet



Party Wear: “Nice Tits”

Peg Shambo, Iowa Mensa, jazzie0523@mchsi.com

A while back someone on the Hell’s M’s Yahoo! group mentioned a British ornithological website, www.nice-tits.org (now unavailable).



From there was a link to a site that sold various items associated with that society. Among them was an interesting t-shirt, with two lovely tits (of the bird type) with a caption, “nice tits”. I couldn’t resist buying one, in spite of the fact that it cost me \$23.00, including S&H.

The t-shirt finally arrived, but where could I wear such a creation? Why, at a Mensa RG, of course! So, off to SEMMantics I went, with my tits shirt packed along with my other garb for the weekend. Friday was dedicated to my Hell’s M’s t-shirt. Saturday was the nice tits debut! I donned a pair of jeans and my new shirt. Yikes! The thing came to mid-thigh, it was so big! Then off to hospitality.

It took a while for people to notice my shirt and my tits. Even the birds. But when they did, oh boy! Lots of laughter from all quarters. I met a woman named Cheryl in hospitality who giggled for a full 20 minutes. Beth Weiss took pictures. David Plottel couldn’t come anywhere near me without saying, “Nice tits!” My Hearts name became Nice Tits later that night.

All in all, it was a fun experience. No one took my shirt as an offense, that I am aware of. No grabby hands wanting to check out my tits. Just lots of good fun and laughter among friends.



Dave’s shirt says “Plays well with others”

Games: Fluxx (I’ve got 3 decks. I’m addicted).—A game that can be easily played with youngsters and they can understand it and win, while us “adults” are still challenged by it. (What’s the rules again? Oh yeah, draw one, play one and change the rules.) —Bruce Glassford

Hell's M's Meeting

SEMMantics, May 2nd, 2003

Both the t-shirt and sanctioned events issues will be discussed at the SIG meeting at the AG.

T-shirts

Skinner explained that Hell's M's doesn't sell the HELL'S MENSANS t-shirts. Dayton Area Mensa (DAM) does, and gets \$1 per shirt sold. Paperwork-wise, the DAM agreement with the AMC is in accordance. Jean Becker explained that at two AMC meetings in the last year that other SIG coordinators have complained. She said that the other SIGs resent Hell's M's, and that it would help if the HELL'S MENSANS shirts had "DAM" on them as well. It was suggested that the order form state that the shirts are sold by DAM.

Chairman Jean Becker also explained that AML doesn't own the name "Mensa"; AML uses it by license. Most national Mensas don't have their own Name & Logo committee; if AML doesn't follow the rules set by International Mensa, the right for AML to have its own Names & Logo committee could be revoked.

Sanctioned Events

If an event is sanctioned by Hell's M's, that means that it can be listed in the *Bulletin* by the SIG coordinator. Publicizing in the *Bulletin* is the only advantage to having a SIG-sanctioned event.

Under the current SIG rules, the host is liable for loss from a sanctioned event, and the SIG gets to keep all of the profits (if any). Queen's Croquet, a Focused Gathering (FG) on relationships, and a party held when Indiana wasn't able to host an RG have all been put on as sanctioned events.

Mary Lee Kemper has brought up that the current model isn't fair to the host, who takes all of the risk. She has proposed that a fee be paid to Hell's M's and profits, if any, are kept by the host.

There was a question of what liability the SIG would have if a sanctioned event did not go as planned, due to the host having a series

is hot enough? How cold is cold enough? What cleaning methods work well and which cleaners are safe? What is and how do you

In food service, we often will discard an open room temperature container after a three hour period.

avoid cross contamination between foods? How long does it take before various types of food "expire" and it's time to throw it out?

For the next year or so we're going to be discussing topics like these here in PARTY SMART, and we're going to be holding several FGs (Focused Gatherings) to work on hospitality food safety how-tos. We'll spend a day talking about, and setting up various types of hospitality and then enjoying them and each other (sounds heavenly to me!). And when I say "we", I mean "we". We have many people in Hell's M's who truly understand how to do hospitality, all types of hospitality, and we're all going to learn together.

When using prepared sauces and dips, be aware of the temperature constraints the maker has placed on them. If the package has "Refrigerate after opening" on it, the sauce needs to be placed in ice on the table in hospitality.

And for those who participate in the FGs, there's a new chapter being formed in Hells M's—the Hospitality Legion. Both t-shirts and aprons will be available. Stay tuned for more details here, and on the **Hell's M's Yahoo!** group.

I'm really looking forward to kicking around food and hospitality ideas and issues with many of you. Please feel free to e-mail your

When it comes to temperature, don't guess; get an instant read digital food thermometer (\$25.00 or less at "Bed, Bath and Beyond" or Amazon) and use it often. One last thing—don't forget to clean the probe after each use with a Clorox Wipe or similar technique. If you don't, the probe and the tube it's stored in will just become breeding grounds and the probe will contaminate everything it's placed in.

thoughts, ideas or questions to me. As "point man" for this project, I'm here to spread the word to all who are interested in the topic. And if you have food or prep questions, I'll be

glad to research them and then get the answers and resources back to everyone.

See y'all in hospitality! And remember – *Party Smart!*

Hospitality Legion

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At most gatherings, the first question many attendees ask is “Where’s Hospitality?”

For many of us, the Hospitality Suite and the food, snacks and drinks served there form one of the centerpieces of a gathering. We stop in, grab a plate of chips, veggies, meat, cheese and dip, or maybe a hotdog and a Coke and sit down with friends to catch up on what everyone’s been doing

The food industry has identified a “Temperature Danger Zone” (TDZ) in which bacteria can thrive and grow. It is almost universally accepted to be the range between 40° F and 140° F. Open perishable food has a **total** cumulative lifetime of 4 hours in the TDZ.

since we last saw them. Probably the last thing on anyone’s mind is how the food has been handled before we got it, and whether or not it’s safe to eat. And chances are good that we’ll spend the evening

laughing with everyone having a great time.

And yet, at gatherings all over the country, from the smallest RGs to the largest, best known “Gourmet” RGs and even at AGs, we find attendees being afflicted with food poisoning. At one major gathering a few years ago, many attendees actually wound up spending a few hours at the local emergency room—a “memorable”, but by no stretch of the imagination, pleasant way to spend an evening.

This situation is common enough that many of us in Hell’s M’s, as well as those working in the national office, and members of the AMC have taken notice. We worry that if this situation doesn’t improve, we may be forced to change the whole nature of hospitality at Mensa gatherings.

There are no secrets to preventing food poisoning. In fact it’s really very simple—keep the prep area, tools and food clean, don’t contaminate the food with cleaners or other chemicals, and keep cold food cold and hot food hot to prevent bacteria growth. But how hot

of life events that get in the way of hosting the event as planned.

It was also brought up that the nucleus of the SIG is in Region 3, and that members outside of Region 3 aren’t always personally known to Skinner, who would be part of the decision making process. Not knowing a member would make it more difficult for a committee to determine if the host “has a clue” of how to put on a large event.

Mary Lee has sent Skinner a revamped AG bid form to be used as a “host agreement”, so that the potential holder of a sanctioned SIG event would outline their expertise to host a gathering and to prevent it from being a financial disaster, or from taking unfair advantage of the attendees. She suggested that we use the American Mensa and Hell’s M’s infrastructure to ask questions about the person wanting to host a sanctioned party—talk to RVCs, LocSecs, editors. The use of the reworked “host agreement” would prove that planning had taken place, and would show that **backup plans** were in place in case they were needed.

Beth Weiss brought up the idea of limiting the amount of money that a host could consider profit, with the amount over that being turned over to the SIG.

On the Subject of SIGs

Jean Becker had some comments on the general subject of SIGs. She said that there is a lot of concern, in terms of risk, and that SIGs are on the top of the list. “The SIGs program was identified as a major source of risk in the last professional Risk Management Audit which was done” and that “if we’re going to continue to have SIGs there’s going to have to be more accountability.” In terms of risk to American Mensa, she said that “if one of them really went under, we’d probably be responsible legally.”

She relayed that “a lot of people feel we shouldn’t have SIGs”. When asked via e-mail who those people were and what constituted “a lot”, she replied, “Many local group officers are fond of saying ‘Mensa is the local groups.’ Many people believe that”. When asked what percentages were being referred to, she said “I do not hold this view personally, and have paid no particular attention to it.”

Heard on Hell's M's Yahoo!

What Type Are You?

Internet quizzes abound—and the **Hell's M's Yahoo!** group can take a quiz with the best of them. Just when people are done posting their results from one quiz, someone will post a new link.

What makes quizzes fun?

Dave Plottel, Western Pennsylvania Mensa
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I can only speak for myself - I like the quizzes because it's fun to guess how they are doing their rating and fun to see how accurate or inaccurate they are.

Far from using these quizzes to define myself, I compare what they have to say about me to my sense of who I am.

That, of course, leads to the question of how does a person get their sense of who they are. From their own observations? Observations of others? Judgments of others? Visions? Fortune Cookies?

Some recent quizzes

Villains: <http://www.mutedfaith.com/quiz/vq.htm>

Mythological creature: http://mysite.freemove.com/Intereo_Liberi/test3.htm

Inner rock star: <http://www.emode.com/tests/rockstar/authorize/register.jsp?url=/tests/rockstar/index.jsp>

Goddess: <http://quiz.ivillage.com/relationships/tests/goddessfinal.htm>

Ceiling Fan

"Don't believe anything they tell you. There's nothing up there on that ceiling fan except dust. Really. I even untangled the wind chimes from the unicorn's horn and...Oops, never mind. Nope, nothing but dust up there, just dust. (We don't have to consider the toe prints, do we?)"

If you're using chopped onions, add 1 to each skillet now, then immediately add the potatoes. If you're not using chopped onions, put the potatoes (one pound in each skillet) into the pan and press down with a spatula so it fills the skillet.

Turn the heat to medium high, season with salt and pepper, and let cook for about 5 to 7 minutes. The idea is to let a potato "crust" form before flipping the potatoes over to cook the other side. Once the

Great with blueberry muffins for the morning after a big party, when there are still guests in the house!

potatoes are golden brown, drain on a paper towel, then put into the greased 9x13 baking pans.

Next, crumble the bacon over top, scattering across both pans. Scatter the cooked sausage in the same way. If you're adding chopped green onions, scatter half in each pan now. If you're using cheese, scatter it in the pan now (1 cup per pan).

Crack 18 eggs into a bowl, whisk to scramble them, season with salt and pepper, then pour into one pan. Do the same with the rest of the eggs for the second pan. Cook in a 400 degree oven until the egg mixture is set, about 25 - 35 minutes.

You can serve it now, or let cool, cover with aluminum foil, and freeze for up to a month. If frozen, let thaw at room temperature for several hours, or at least overnight in the fridge, then bake at 375 degrees until warmed through, about 20 minutes.

Party Invitations

Missing in Party

Can anyone help contact these people who have moved and not sent their new addresses? If so, please send their correct address to skinner@hellsms.com

1. Celeste Rogers from Waipahu, WI
2. Rochelle Weber from Chicago, IL
3. Bill Crawford from Dearborn, MI

Party Food

Breakfast anyone?

Sometimes a party is so much fun that you don't want it to end. So, when you throw such a great party that you still have a dozen or so people at your house the next morning, what do you do for breakfast? We asked some party throwers what they do when they know they're going to have people still there in the morning.

No-Cook Solution

Marcia Mariacher, Isolated M, callmar@juno.com

That's easy! A carpool!

MM (my only domestic quality is that I live in a house)

Breakfast Casserole Recipe

Niki Foor, Dayton Area Mensa, twofun4s@aol.com

Makes two 9x13 casseroles

- 3 lbs of frozen hash brown potatoes
- 1 lb bacon
- 1 lb sausage
- 3 dozen eggs

Optional:

- 2 cups shredded cheese
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 1 large bunch green onions, chopped

First, fry the sausage, breaking it up until it's crumbly and brown.

Drain on paper towels and set aside. Next, fry the bacon until golden brown (don't overcook), and drain it, but reserve the bacon fat for the potatoes. Now pour the reserved bacon fat into two large frying pans (Note: a 10 inch iron skillet is ideal for this). The amount of rendered fat depends upon the bacon; you need about 3 Tablespoons per skillet. If you don't have enough, add vegetable oil to make 3 Tablespoons. If you have too much bacon fat, pour off some. Heat the fat until hot but not quite smoking.

Chapters Being Formed

Any Ti Kwan Leep Fans Out There?

I'm exploring the possibility of starting a *Boot to the Head!* chapter of Hell's M's. Anyone who has ever heard the skit "Ti Kwan Leep" will undoubtedly want to join. (*Boot to the Head* is just too good of a line.) If you haven't heard it, you can at:

<http://www.webguys.com/pdavis/karate/tikwanleep.html>.

As you probably know, we need 18 people to make it financially feasible; I've done some informal polling and I think I'm up to about 9 people. If you'd be interested, contact Marcia at callmar@juno.com. And to those who don't want to join -- *Boot to the Head!*

Boingy! Boingy!

Boingy! Boingy! became known to Hell's M's on July 6th, 2002. From beautiful "it's a dry heat!" Scottsdale, Lee Berkovits posted:

Boingy! Boingy! Boingy!

Glubb, glubb, glubb

You had to be there. :-))

Lee, Dorine, Dave, Virginia, Sandy, Mary Jo, & Nan

As the story is told, the aforementioned were all in a pool in paradise—blue sky, warm sun, cool water...total relaxation. Somehow, they found themselves in a circle, with their arms around each other's shoulders. They lightly bounced up and down, slowly moving in a circle. *Boingy! Boingy! Boingy!* Some kids came by and asked "Are you the smart people?" As they bounced along (*Boingy! Boingy! Boingy!*), Virginia replied, "Yes, but we're on vacation."

Since then, *Boingy! Boingy!* has become a regular event at Region 3 and Region 4 RG pools. To see pictures of the Dayton RG *Boingy! Boingy!*, visit the Region 3 website, at

<http://www.region3.us.mensa.org/Pictures/apr04daytonrg/pool.htm>

The *Boingy! Boingy!* chapter is now forming, with some members opting for cotton sarongs over t-shirts. To join the *Boingy! Boingy!* chapter, contact Beth at mbeth@bweiss.com.

Virginia and Phil

Virginia and Phil Plottel, WPAM,
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Is this the girl who'd never marry,
Is this the gentleman at play?

How did we ever get to where we
Are today?

When did I fall in love with you, sir?
When did I come to love you too?

When did this *We* take over
Me and you?

Mensa gath' rings, Mensa gath' rings, it began that way,
One RG following another
And then a special Queen's Croquet.



Then the emails, then the visits;
back and forth we'd drive
First one of us and then the other,
Just so our love could grow and thrive.

You're Pennsylvania. You're Ohio.
Now both of us will be PA.
Learning to live with one another,
Day by day.

Don't we seem natural together?
Just like two newlyweds should be.

Wish ev'ryone could have such
Joy as we.

Sunrise, sunset, sunrise, sunset,
Swiftly fly the years,
We'll spend the rest of them together,
Sharing our happiness and tears...
We'll share the rest of our forever
Ev'ry new day as it appears.

More Movies I believe more in friendship deepening into love, as opposed to lust at first sight. Thus my list is: *Play It Again Sam*, *My Beautiful Launderette*, and *Trick*. —Andrew Chong



Brendan and Elizabeth

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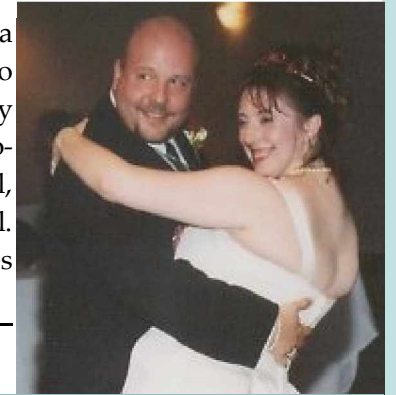


Brendan and Elizabeth got married.

Brendan O'Brien is a member of Cincinnati Area Mensa. Elizabeth Angi isn't quite yet a member because she hasn't gotten around to sending in her prior evidence yet (hint hint, Elizabeth!)—even

though we know she has it. Her Mom, Alice, is also a member.

They met at Mensa—Cincinnati Area Spirited Discussion North—also known as "Thursday Group". They decided to take dance lessons together—because as friends—one a girl, the other a guy—it worked out well. And then they fell in love. Fairy tales can come true, it can happen to you.



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Games

Blackbeard (Avalon Hill, out of print)—a wonderful simulation of piracy on the high seas. Search for treasure ships and plunder them, stash your loot in a safe place, try to avoid naval and pirate hunters and retire rich.

Robo Rally (Wizards of the Coast, out of print)—a robot racing game through a factory maze. You secretly program your robot's actions five moves at a time. Not knowing what moves your opponents are making results in some hilariously annoying interactions when you get pushed into a pit or onto a conveyor unexpectedly.

—Rick Jones