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Party Smart

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Skinner Sez,



Hi there. Right now we have 2367 members of HELL's M's with 102 of them paying dues to get the newsletter and to support the PARTY ANIMAL awards. We have 17 people who have paid dues for beyond 2005. The membership I gave in columns last year were wrong. The search I used to get the number of paid members was set up wrong.

At this time we have an excess of funds in our treasury. At the last HELL's M's meeting at the Cincinnati RG it was suggested that we use some of the excess funds in our treasury to get the badge holders, with the logo on them, that hangs around your neck and have a pouch for additional things people want to carry. There was another suggestion and I have forgotten what it was. If anyone can remember it I would appreciate it if you would remind me.

To date we have a total of 199 PARTY ANIMAL's, with 19 of them being awarded this year. We have 15 PARTY ANIMAL HALL OF FAME, with Greg Crawford joining that illustrious group this year.

In closing as we move into the New Year,

- I hope for you a year that challenges you and helps you grow.
- I hope you will take the risk to have an open heart and that you embrace each blessing that is given to you.
- I hope that each time you feel overloaded that you will remember that you are not alone and that there are people in your life who are willing to lend you a hand.
- I hope that you will share the joy you find in your life with others.
- As you find new insights and wisdom I hope you will share them with others so that we might learn from you.
- I hope you have a year full of days in which you find more joy than pain.

What Costs What

T-shirts are available without joining Hell's Ms SIG.

The Hell's Ms logo can be printed for \$3.50 plus postage on any black item you provide.

T-Shirts

Size	Membership and shirt	Additional shirts	Add'l postage to Canada
S to XL	\$18.00	\$10.00	\$2.10
XXL	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$2.50
XXXL	\$21.00	\$13.00	\$2.65

Sweatshirts

Size	Membership and shirt	Additional shirts	Add'l postage to Canada
S to XL	\$22.00	\$14.00	\$3.45
XXL	\$24.00	\$16.00	\$4.30
XXXL	\$25.00	\$17.00	\$4.30

Aprons

Size	Membership and apron	Additional apron	Add'l postage to Canada
One size	\$22.00	\$14.00	\$1.70

Starting a New Chapter

All new chapters must be approved by Skinner.

To start a new chapter the first order must be for a minimum of 18 shirts at the full price. If you cannot meet the minimum, send \$1.00 per shirt not ordered. **For example:** Order 10 shirts and send \$8.00 to cover the difference. This is to cover the cost for the new pattern.

The minimum is for the first order only. After the first order, shirts can be ordered individually.

PARTY CHAPTERS

1	With no chapter name		
2	DAYTON CHAPTER	40	HEAVY MENTAL
3	CENTRAL NEW JERSEY		THUNDER
4	LOUISVILLE CHAPTER	41	HOUSTON HELLIONS
5	MAUMEE VALLEY	42	MILLIWAYS CHAPTER
6	CAPITOL COSSACKS		"MOSTLY HARMLESS"
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8	OWLTEREGOS	45	BUFFALO CHIPS
9	WENDY RIDGE	46	GERMANY
	CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT	47	UNNATURAL DISASTER
10	ASILOMAR	48	3 SIG
11	MINNESOTA CHAPTER	49	TIL DEATH DO US
12	LA REPUBLIC DE TEJAS		PARTY
13	HARD LUCK CHAPTER	50	THE QUEEN'S
14	AMC ALUMNI CHAPTER		CROQUET
15	NEW MEXICO	51	CHAPTER 11
	FIREFIGHTERS		MORALLY BANKRUPT
16	67 ASNEM	52	GEMUETLICHKEIT
17	M-RIDERS	53	LOST WAGES
18	EMERALD CITY	54	CHEEBLE
19	TERMINUS	55	HELLSTEINS
20	303RD BOMBARDMENT	56	CONSENSUAL
	GROUP		WINE & MUSIC
21	FLYING TIGERS	58	AURORA BOREALUS
22	COSMIC FAMILY CAMPOUT	59	LocSex
23	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	61	STORMHENGE
24	UNBRIDLED BROWARD	62	HEARTBRTEAKERS
25	HIGH COUNTRY HELLIONS	63	RAINFLOWERS
26	MARYLAND MANICAS	64	SCHLEPPER COLONY
27	EVIL M-PYRE	65	HELL'S BELLES
28	SEMManiacs	66	BLACK CATS
29	MANASOTA	67	Lonestar Hellapeños
30	TANSTAAFL	69	LXIX
31	SLAMMERS	70	ESCHEW
32	SINSINNATI		OBFUSCATION
33	HOG BUTCHERS	71	HEARTLESS
34	BEACHBUMS	72	VLAANDEREN
35	PITT DWELLERS	73	THE PRIMORDIAL
36	ELECTRONIC Elite		OOOHs
37	ALASKA		...and AAHs
38	QUESTIONAL AUTHORITY	74	BOINGY BOINGY
39	Joy Boy GayM Toy	75	HOSPITALITY LEGION
			SAFETY MATTERS

HELL's Ms in Oslo

by Haerle Christian

Mensans attending the Mensa International Board of Directors (IBD) meeting in Oslo, Norway, found there were seven Hell's M's in their midst. The picture below was taken at the IBD "Gala Dinner" on Saturday, October 9, 2004. Dan Burg serves as 2nd Vice Chairman on the American Mensa Committee and was one of the American national representatives. Stacey Kirsch and Jim Werdell hold two of the four IBD positions that are elected internationally (Stacey is Mensa International Treasurer and Jim is Director of Administration). Christian Haerle serves on the Executive Board of Mensa Switzerland and was their national representative. Kevin Kasday is on the Executive Board and De Freshwater is Membership Officer for Cleveland Area Mensa (Ohio).



Dan Burg, De Freshwater, Kevin Kasday, Elissa Rudolph, Christian Haerle, Stacey Kirsch, Jim Werdell sporting their way cool Hell's M's tattoos.



The HELL's M's credo:

Any party, large or small, will be considered a HELL's M's party if everyone participating or affected by the party has good memories the day after the party is over.

HELL'S M's Membership Application

Name: _____

Mensa #: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone (____) _____

Dues \$8 per year (does not include shirt). Membership runs 6/30 to 6/30. If you join after 4/1 your membership runs through 6/30 the following year.

T-shirt: For a T-shirt, fill-out the order form below and add the t-shirt cost to your membership fee.

Checks and money orders only, please, make payable to Hell's M's. One form

Size	Chapter #	Quantity
S		
M		
L		
XL		
XXL		
XXXL		

Send to:

Skinner

2512 Glenarm Avenue

Dayton, Ohio 45420

Skinner@hellsms.com

Evenings (937) 258-3969

Days: (937) 258-0745

For tank tops or sweatshirts put a "t" or an "s" next to the order.

Contact Skinner for information on special sizes.

Contact Skinner for postage costs for countries other than the US or Canada.

Note: Shirts are custom printed; it can be 1-3 months before your shirt arrives.

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Submissions

Hell's M's is the Party SIG- 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.

Deadline for the Spring issue February 15

Deadline for the Summer issue May 15

Deadline for the Fall issue August 2

Deadline for the Winter issue December 15

Advertising Rates

Advertising space is available at the following per issue rates, full page \$20, half-page \$10, quarter-page \$5, business card \$3. 50% discount for current Hell's M's SIG members. 25% discount for full year (buy 3 get 1 free). Contact the Editor.

Appreciation

Thanks to Beth for her advice Thanks also to Rick for many of the pictures. Thanks goes out to Geri for the Party Animal write up. And, as always, thanks to David for listening to me prattle as I put it together.

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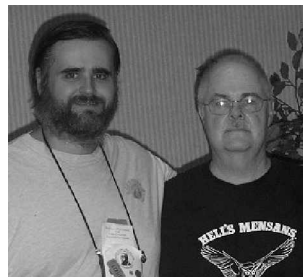
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Party Animals



John Neemidge, the RG chair, was voted Party Animal at this year's LonestarRG. Ray O'Connor, a Party Animal Hall of Famer, collected the votes. Here's a photo of John (left) with Ray (right) (taken by Geri Neemidge). Our sixth RG, although called RGMageddon, was a great success thanks to John's hard work as chair.

ECOM's Party Animal was **John Mas-sura**.



In September **Barb Smith** was awarded Party Animal at the Pittsburgh RG. Once again, Barb Smith outdid herself in hospitality.



Zarya Steele, your PartySmart editor and Mensan since 2001, was



voted Party Animal at the 2004 PeachTreat RG in Atlanta, GA. She could be found helping out all around the RG, from helping with registration, to taking the early Hospitality shift on Sunday morning, to assisting the backup speaker during Saturday morning's programs, to getting all tied up in Friday evening's program. Zarya even took the time to minister to the seriously jet-lagged RG chairman, who made

death warmed over seem an understatement. Although this election had two candidates with many more than two votes each, there was really no contest in the end -- Zarya made this RG one to remember.



Janet Century won at 'WeeM this year (by one vote over her fiance Howard Rothstein). In an email from Howard: "BTW, while I'm disappointed I didn't get "Party Animal," I'd be hard pressed to think of anyone else who deserved it more than Janet. Lord knows I've brought dinner and



refilled drinks umpteen times for Janet as she sat in front of her computer for long, long hours these past few months".

Party Animal Hall of Fame

Remember that these people are now ineligible to be selected as Party Animal at future RGs. (I know this makes selecting the Party Animal a little difficult because there have been many times when I have had to ask people for a second name when I am collecting the votes because those Party Animals are still helping people have a good time).

Robert Andrus	Rochelle Lefarth
Red Bellamy	Ray O'Connor
Cher Burnham	Loretta Olson
Greg Crawford	Dave Plottel
Niki Foor	Yvonne Porter
Rob Foor	Mary Jane Tala
Linda Hathaway	Debra Williams
Mary Lee Kemper	

NEW PARTY ANIMALS recognized in 2004 are:

Janet Century	Debbie Omel
Terry Clubertson	Barbara Smith
Terry Graham	Karen Smith
Russel Groundel	George Smyly
Carrie Hart	Zarya Steele
Vera Lawson	Tom Tyson
John Massura	Beth Weiss
John Neemidge	Carol Wilson

Shirts that need a home

Here are some shirts that you can get at \$2.00 less than the listed price. See the order form for the list prices. NOTE: for the AG2001 shirts you must be on record as qualified to buy them.

DAYTON CHAPTER	- S
LA REPUBLIC DE TEJAS	- XL
Joy Boy GayM Toy	- M
GEMUETLICHKEIT	- L, XL
HELL'S BELLES	- 2 @ M
ESCHEW OBFUSCATION	- Ls
THE PRIMORDIAL OOHS	
... AND AAAHS (on back)	- 2 @ XL

A woman called her insurance company to see if her policy covered psychiatric treatment. After reviewing her policy, The agent told her, "Yes, Virginia, there is an insanity clause!"

Zarya's Space

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a few words. And for those of you who know me, I usually can say more than a few. My name is Zarya Steele and I am your new Editor. I look forward to working with Y'all and making sure the Party Smart gets to you.



Please do not hesitate to send me information, photos, articles, links, etc, or other items that may be suitable for printing. If I don't receive information, you may be stuck with my somewhat questionable sense of humor. I have been known to go on for hours on elephant jokes alone.

In any case, I digress. I look forward to working with you and wish everyone the best for the new year.

Booteak

In addition to the traditional shirts, the following Hell's M's items are also available. Order something new to go along with your renewal this year—don't you need a Hell's M's tie? Or perhaps a patch?

Our new option is to print a small logo (no chapter) on a golf-style shirt. You provide the shirt. The cost is \$3.50 plus postage.

Tank tops, sweatshirt and apron	See the order form
Hell's M's Stickers	10 for \$1, 60 for \$5, 100 for \$8, 200 for \$15
Temporary Tatoos	1 for \$2, 6 for \$10, 10 for \$15, 15 for \$20
2"x3" patch	\$5
Ties	\$15
Belt buckles, black and pewter	\$15
Embroidered logo	\$40 — you supply a black jacket or material \$12.00—for chapter name \$4.00 for your name
Print the logo on your shirt or jacket	\$3.50 plus postage

If you are looking for a pleasant chat group where there is a wide ranging discussion, I invite you to check out the HELL's M's discussion group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Hellsms/>

A Dessert for Everyone!

by, Ro Sila a.k.a. Tiger, Normal, IL

When I threw a 92nd birthday party for my great aunt, I got the following recipe from the American Dietetic Association's live help line. It's delicious, easy, and suitable for low sugar, low sodium, low fat, and low cholesterol diets.

Ingredients:

One large shortcake base (luncheon-plate size, like you'd use for strawberry shortcake--available in groceries)
Cool Whip (regular, light, or no fat)
Sliced strawberries (or fruit of your choice; preferably fresh but canned [drained] that is not heavy-syrup type will do)

Directions:

"Ice" cake with Cool Whip, arrange sliced strawberries over entire cake.
Yummy!

HELL's M's and SETI

by Tom Tyson

As of this morning (Jan 3), the Hell's M's team has contributed 16,008 CPU *->YEARS<* to the SETI project with 11,750 Work Units completed (each WU represents about 5 billion calculations).

For those who aren't familiar with SETI@Home, the Space Sciences Lab at UC Berkeley has been conducting a "distributed" analysis project of radio telescope data collected from the big dish located at Arecibo, Puerto Rico looking for signs of extraterrestrial intelligence. There are currently just over 5.3 million participants in the project located all around the world who are using their own personal computers to analyze the data and report back. The SSL has created software which runs in the background only when the computer is idle to do the analysis, as well as the download of the data and the upload of the results.

Hell's M's currently has seven volunteers doing analysis and we'd love to have more helping with the project.

For more information about the SETI@Home project go to:
<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu>

and for the Hell's M's team stats go to:
http://setiathome2.ssl.berkeley.edu/stats/team/team_183120.html

A Dessert for Everyone Else

(who is not on a low sugar, low fat, low carb no calorie diet)!

Kim's Baklava Cheesecake

1 C. Granulated Sugar	1-12 oz pkg. Sugar cookies, crumbled fine
¼ C. Fresh Lemon Juice	½ C. Butter, softened
1 tsp. Vanilla	4 – 8oz pkg. Cream Cheese, softened
4 Large Eggs	10 Sheets of Filo Dough
1 C. Chopped Walnuts	1/3 C. Butter, Softened
¼ C. Granulated Sugar	½ C. Light Corn Syrup, heated
½ C. Butter, Cubed	
½ tsp. Cinnamon	

Crust: Combine cookie crumbs and butter with fork. Press on the bottom and sides of a 9" Spring Form pan.

Cheesecake: Beat cream cheese and sugar on high speed (about 10 min) until fluffy. Add lemon juice, vanilla, and eggs – one at a time. Beat smooth. Pour into pan.

Baklava: Combine walnuts, sugar, butter and cinnamon. Mix until crumbly. Cut filo sheets into 9" rounds. Layer and butter 5 sheets and set on cheesecake filling. Sprinkle with walnut mixture. Layer and butter another 5 sheets of filo and place on top. Layer and butter another 5 sheets. Lightly score into 10 equal sections without cutting all the way to center or outer edge. Place on top.

Bake in 325° oven for 1 ½ hours or until golden brown. Spoon warm corn syrup over cheesecake while still warm. Cool to room temperature. Refrigerate 6-12 hours before slicing!

Replies To An Invitation To A Scientists' Ball

Pierre and Marie Curie were radiating enthusiasm.
Einstein thought it would be relatively easy to attend.
Darwin said he'd have to see what evolved.
Ohm resisted the idea at first.
Boyle said he was under too much pressure.
Edison thought it would be an illuminating experience.
Watt reckoned it would be a good way to let off steam.
Descartes said he'd think about it.
Pavlov was drooling at the thought.
Morse's reply: "I'll be there on the dot. Can't stop now, must dash."
Wilbur Wright accepted, provided he and Orville could get a flight.