

# Party Smart

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## Skinner Sez,



I have been living a very, very full life since just before the AG. As a result of what I have scheduled in my life I have not allowed enough time to prepare my "stuff" for this issue of PARTY SMART. Zarya has been waiting on me and this is all she is getting from me.

I can report that I have found a way to get the shirts done that I think will work for us.

The next RG that Yvonne and I are planning to be at is Cincinnati in December.

Welcome to our new Treasurer, John Massura. Yvonne and I will be working to pass the check book and records over to John ASAP. We will complete the transfer when we see him at the RG in Cincinnati. Don't be surprised if John looks a little shorter because of the extra burden he is taking on for HELL's M's.

I am still looking for someone interested in taking over the job of being responsible for our website. Yvonne did a great job setting it up and at this time does not have time to maintain or update it. Contact me if you are interested.

*Skinner*

### New Chapter of Hells Ms

Are you a Gen-X'er interested in helping create the newest Hells Ms chapter (GenX Rated)? If so, please contact Jessica Burstrem at [burstrem@ufl.edu](mailto:burstrem@ufl.edu).

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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 January 2**

### Advertising Rates

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### Appreciation

Thanks to John for submitting his fabulous recipe, to Beth, Doreen for editing and, as always, all my love and thanks to David.

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<https://secure.us.mesa.org/members/index.php>. You'll need your user-name and password. Follow the links to **Committee Reports**. The ASIEs are under **Member Resources**.

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### 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.

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## HELL'S M's Membership Application

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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

Size	Chapter #	Quantity
S		
M		
L		
XL		
XXL		
XXXL		

Send to:

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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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## 2006 AG in Newfoundland

*By Marie Johnston*

I'm chair of the 2006 AG in St. John's NF. Seeing as how I figure that EVERYONE deserves to go to

Newfoundland at least once in their lives, and that an AG is a damn fine reason, here's what I'm looking for from the Hells Ms:

1. The suggestion was made awhile back about organizing a "party plane" from Toronto to St John's. The idea was that there would be a single, Mensa-only chartered flight out of Toronto, that people would individually book seats on. Now, I've had quite a few people express interest in doing this, and I'm looking for a Hells M / team of Hells Ms to host this.

THIS WOULD NOT TAKE A FINANCIAL INVESTMENT! Just time and creativity!

What I'd need is for a person/team to work with an airline to arrange for a charter flight, and to promote the flight to your fellow American Mensans.

A few Toronto Mensans have expressed interest in hosting a pre-plane party, so if we do this, you can fly into Toronto, go to a party, before getting on the party plane, to get to the main party. Does this fit the Hells Ms reason for being, or what?

2. Would the Hells Ms who plan to attend our AG like to host an event or two/few? Let me know.

3. Speakers! If you're coming to the AG, and figure yourself to be interesting enough to listen to and would like to speak.. let me know. There are perks, ya know!

PS: We're looking at having a day trip to France during the week before the AG. (Like Tuesday/Wednesday). You see, if ya drive 4 hours outside of St. John's, then take a short ferry.. you end up in the French Islands of St. Pierre and Michelon. French Pastries and Rum Runnin' before the AG, anyone? :)

If enough people are interested in earning another stamp on their passports.. would Hells Ms be interested in hosting a party BUS as well? Same deal: no cost, just organizing.

If you are interested please contact planet\_ogo@yahoo.com.

<http://www.mensanl.ca/AG2006/>

## 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	Virginia Plottel
Red Bellamy	Ray O'Connor	Mary Lee Kemper
Cher Burnham	Loretta Olson	Linda Hathaway
Greg Crawford	Dave Plottel	Nancy Heller
Niki Foor	Yvonne Porter	Debra Williams
	Mary Jane Tala	Rob Foor

**NEW PARTY ANIMALS** recognized in 2005 are:

Terri Culbertson	Jodi Norris	Charlie Bruce
Russ Grunden	Mari Senko	Nancy Heller
Beth Weiss	Russell Grunden	Zarya Steele
Carol Hilson	Beth Brooks	
Jack Lippold	Virginia Plottel	

## Shirts that need a home

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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
ESCHEW OBFUSCATION	- L sweatshirt
HELL'S BELLES	- 2 @ M
THE PRIMORDIAL OOOHS	- 2@ XL
AAAHs (on back)	

## 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.

## Poll

What is the most effective item to drop in order to get people posting messages?

### CHOICES AND RESULTS

- Pin, 1 votes, 7.69%
- Needle, 0 votes, 0.00%
- haystack, 0 votes, 0.00%
- The entire pharm, 0 votes, 0.00%
- Somebody wearing a red shirt who is standing next to somebody holding a phaser that they think is set to "stun", but is really set to "kill"., 2 votes, 15.38%
- Ceiling phan, 2 votes, 15.38%
- Ectoplasm, 1 votes, 7.69%
- A pink elephant in a tutu., 1 votes, 7.69%
- Some other kind of critter in a desmond Tutu., 2 votes, 15.38%
- Other, 4 votes, 30.77%

## 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
Stickers	10 for \$1.00, 60 for \$5.00, 100 for \$8.00, 200 for \$15.00
Temporary tattoos	1 for \$2.00, 6 for \$10, 10 for \$15, 15 for \$20
Patch (2x3)	\$5.00
Belt buckles, black and pewter	\$15.00
Embroidered logo	\$40.00 - you supply a black jacket or material \$12.00 - for chapter name \$4.00 - for your name
Print the logo on your shirt/jacket	\$3.50 - plus postage
Lapel Pins	\$2.00

## Party Animals

By Virginia Boatman Plottel

The 3 Rivers RG at Pittsburgh was a lot like most of the RGs I go to, in that I had a wonderful time partying with several dozen of my closest friends, getting acquainted with some new friends, and helping provide food for all those hungry and appreciative Mensa mouths. OK, so I did miss almost all the programs and all the DDCH games - but I'll make up for that at other RGs where I'm not mainly doing Hospitality. And I was delighted to be voted Party Animal even though nobody can ever vote for me again.



Virginia Boatman Plottel  
Pittsburgh RG

by Charlie Bruce

The 2005 Columbus Area Mensa RG, Col-M-alot, was held the last weekend in July and had 127 attendees. Charlie Bruce (a.k.a. Gloater in the Heartbreakers Chapter), though wearing his RVC3 hat for most of the year leading up to the RG (and his current Treasurer hat) took on the additional responsibilities as the 2005RG Chair. His efforts to ensure that a fun time was had by all during the RG resulted in his becoming the newest member of the Party Animal Chapter. In the spirit of "Making it a Good Party" Charlie and his wife, Terry Graham, even gave up their seats at the Doubles Double Deck Cancellation Hearts tournament, and for them that's dedication.



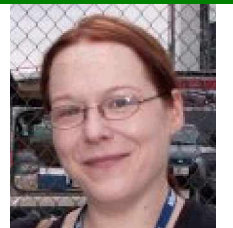
Charlie Bruce  
Columbus Area RG

At the 2005 Cleveland RG Nancy Heller was elected Party Animal. This is her third Party Animal which makes her our newest member to the Hall of Fame.

### CONGRATULATIONS Nancy!!

by David Weinberger

Zarya Steele, our illustrious editor, was again voted Party Animal at PeachTreat XXX -- the Big 3-0. Probably best known for making people feel welcome in all circumstances while simultaneously establishing who's in charge, Zarya opened and ran Hospitality on Sunday morning (complete with good coffee) and ably assisted during the auction of extras prior to breaking down the Hospitality suite.



Zarya Steele  
Mensa in GA RG

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## Grilling Chocolate

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by John Masura

After getting the challenge from Queen Mary Lee that Mensans can't grill chocolate, I came up with the following recipe from Better Homes and Gardens.

Makes 4 servings      Prep: 12 minutes      Grill: 8 minutes

### Ingredients

4 8-9 inch flour tortillas	1 cup semisweet chocolate pieces
1 cup fresh raspberries	2 tablespoons butter, melted
2 teaspoons sugar	1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

### Directions:

1. Stack the tortillas and wrap in a piece of foil; grill over medium-low heat about 5 minutes or until warm and pliable, turning packet once.

2. Sprinkle 1/4 cup each of the chocolate pieces and the raspberries in the center of each tortilla; fold in sides and roll up. Brush burritos with half of the melted butter. Grill burritos on the rack of an uncovered grill directly over medium-low heat about 3 minutes or until tortillas begin to show grill marks and the chocolate is melted, turning once. Transfer to a serving platter. Brush tortillas with remaining melted butter. In a small bowl combine the sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over the burritos. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

I attempted this recipe a week before The Queen's Croquet to work out any bugs and decided on the following modifications:

### Ingredients

4 8-9 inch flour tortillas
1 cup milk chocolate pieces
2 teaspoons sugar
1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 cup frozen raspberries, drained (hard to find fresh)
2 tablespoons butter, melted

### Directions:

1. (skip entirely - makes the tortillas brittle)

2. Sprinkle 1/4 cup each of the chocolate pieces and the raspberries in the center of each tortilla; fold in sides and roll up. Brush burritos with half of the melted butter. Grill burritos on the rack of an uncovered grill directly

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(I also tried with small slices of bananas instead of the raspberries. I intend to try other fruits in the future).

### Queen Mary Lee's comments:

...she was speechless...but a wonderful smile was on her face.

My comment...never challenge a Mensan.

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## Thanks

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We would like to send a heartfelt thanks to all who came to our wedding and contributed to the many gifts we received from all our friends at Hell's M's.

We were amazed at the love and generosity that was shown at our wedding by all our friends. We said in our ceremony that you are our family, and you have proven that statement to be true.

Jamie and Bob Fritz

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## Feeling Punny?

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Khakis: What you need to start the car in Boston.  
Energizer Bunny arrested - charged with battery.  
A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother.  
I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded.  
A hangover is the wrath of grapes.  
Is a book on voyeurism a peeping tome?  
Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?  
Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.  
A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor.  
Without geometry, life is pointless.  
When you dream in color, it's a pigment of your imagination.  
If electricity comes from electrons... does that mean that morality comes from morons?