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Party Smart

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Skinner Sez,



It has been a very full year for me so far this year and I am feeling a little out of balance 'cause I am usually getting ready for the AG right about now. Having it in August is just messing up my sense of time. I am going to be interested in seeing how many people attend the AG and how many use it as a reason to see Florida and Disney World.

I am working with the printer on the shirts with the new printing system. I am having one problem. The minimum order I can place is for 18 sheets of transfers. For the logo that is no problem, I can get 2 to a sheet. For the chapter names it is a problem because I can get 25 to 30 names per sheet. That means I get almost 500 +/- chapter names each time I place an order.

What I have done is use the last couple of orders to get a stock of chapter names that I hope will take care of the orders for the near future. The problem will be in getting new chapters started. I am still working on the financial aspects of that.

We have a couple of new Chapters. Look at the order form for the full list. TUCSON MARGARITAS and GenX Rated are the two newest chapters.

Both Zarya and I are having a hard time coming up with "stuff" to include in the PARTY SMART. Unless we start to get some contributions we are considering to reducing the number of issues to 2 a year. Do you have any problems with getting fewer issues of PARTY SMART? Are you willing to send Zarya some "stuff" to fill the next several issues????

I hope to see you at the AG or maybe at HolloweeM. Or Cincinnati.

Skinner

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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 30

Deadline for the Winter issue December 15

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Appreciation

Thanks to all who submitted articles and content. And, as always, thanks and all my love to my husband David.

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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 effected 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

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 you shirt arrives.

PARTY CHAPTERS

1	With no chapter name	40	HEAVY MENTAL
2	DAYTON CHAPTER		THUNDER
3	CENTRAL NEW JERSEY	41	HOUSTON HELLIONS
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	GROUP	58	AURORA BOREALUS
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33	HOG BUTCHERS	72	VLAANDEREN
34	BEACHBUMS	73	THE PRIMORDIAL
35	PITT DWELLERS		OOHs
36	ELECTRONIC Elite		...and AAHs
37	ALASKA	74	BOINGY BOINGY
38	QUESTION AUTHORITY	75	HOSPITALITY LEGION
39	Joy Boy GayM Toy		SAFETY MATTERS
		76	TUCSON MARGARITAS
		77	GenX Rated

We Do Not Eat Our Young

by Marion Gaskins

There is a tremendous need for Speaker Liaisons for the MENSA World Gathering Diamond Anniversary to be held August 8-13, 2006, at Disney World in Orlando, Florida, USA. Being a Speaker liaison requires social skills, attention to detail, and WALKING SHOES. In addition to the health benefits from all the walking, you'll have the opportunity to meet some interesting people, not all of whom belong to MENSA.

The Liaisons will be giving some speakers their first impression of MENSA or, in some cases, of the United States. The Liaison will put speakers at ease, let them know that we don't eat humans (unless we're really hungry), that we're not all geeks, and that we're not as weird as we sometimes make ourselves out to be (although the author admits to being a bit twisted).

Check out the PROGRAM and Speakers List on the website <http://wg06.us.mensa.org> and then email Volunteer Coordinator Kay Klaseen by clicking her link under the CONTACT tab to sign up.

Latest WG Statistics

As of .6/16/06:

1861 Registered 1673 US 188 Rest of World

WG Tournaments

Looking to enter some tournaments at the WG, but don't want to read through 60 pages of programs to find them? Check out our complete list and description of tournaments, at:

https://secure.us.mensa.org/members/wg06_proggamesinfo.php

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/>

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	Janet Century
Virginia Boatman Plottel	Nancy Heller

NEW PARTY ANIMALS recognized since the last AG:

Janet Century (October 2005)	Anne So (August 2005)
Mary Ann McCarty (November 2005)	Galayna Wade
Sharon McMahan (March 2006)	Charlie Bruce (July 2005)
Mary Ann Mochan (February 2006)	Zarya Steele (September 2006)
Becky Zoole Elkana (February 2006)	Phil So (September 2005)
Nancy Heller (October 2005)	
Virginia Boatman Plottel (September 2005)	

Shirts that need a home

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
ESCHEW OBFUSCATION	- L sweatshirt
HELL'S BELLES	- 2 @ M

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.

Zarya's Space

With the wedding fast approaching, things have been hectic to say the least. But, by the time you receive this, as they say, it will all be over :)



I hope to see many of you at the WG, and if not I hope to hear from you before the next issue. I plan to make the next issue larger, with pictures and articles from Orlando. I do have a request: if you have photos from the gathering please send them to me.

Also, if you have photos or comments from any RG please pass them my way along with a note as to who is in the images. See you soon.
Zarya_Steele@hotmail.com

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

Party Animals

Carolinah RG

by *Ike Kuhlman*

The Carolinah RG was held the weekend of March 24-26, 2006, in conjunction with the quarterly AMC meeting. Two of our members were married at the RG, Arthur Cartwright and Vera Lawson.

On Sunday morning I took a vote of Hell's Ms present for Party Animal in accordance with instructions from Skinner. The winner was Sharon McMahon of Piedmont Area Mensa. Sharon was Hospitality Co-Chair.

North Texas Mensa

by *Ray O'connor*

I had the pleasure of taking the Hell's M's Party Animal vote at the North Texas Mensa RG this Thanksgiving.

At midnight November 26, 2005 we had 13 Hell's M's vote on Party Animal. Mary Ann McCarty was elected party animal.

Destin Party Animal

by *Nancy J. Heller*

The winner (making for a family of party animals – her husband and daughter won the last three years) was Mary Ann Mochan.

SUDOKU Solution

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Canadian, AG

Excerpt from an e-mail to Skinner, from Millie:

You may not remember me, but we met at the AG in Minneapolis-St. Paul a few years ago. I was the one who made everybody figure out what colour they were!

Life rolls on, I now live in Ottawa, and was recently at the Canadian AG in St. John's, Newfoundland, May 19-22, 2006. To my delight, there were a number of Americans there and we were able to assemble a quorum of Hell's Mensans. We didn't come to world shattering conclusions, mostly because it was too early in the day to start drinking. How early might that be, do you ask? It was an anomaly at any rate.

But I digress. John from Chicago was there, took names, and was going to send you a report. My duty was merely to ensure the photo (attached) got sent to you.

I might add a small Newfoundland tradition that makes most Hells Mensan initiation rights pale in comparison. The first time one visits Newfoundland, one has to partake in a "Screeching In" ceremony. Screech is the nickname given to the local variety of moonshine, that is also sold commercially as overproof rum. (way, way overproof). Local bars are accustomed to putting on Screeching In ceremonies, and the photo attached was when the entire Mensa group went downtown and partook.

The host put on a rain slicker including hat, and ran us through the tradition of the event. Everyone had to recite a traditional Newfoundland saying as follows;

Leader: "Is ye a Newfoundland screecher?"

Response: "Indeed aye ees, me ald' cock. And long may yea're big jib draw" (roughly translated as "may you always have wind in your sails")



Millie and her Cod

Then, armed with a dram of screech, we all had to kiss a dead cod. This was not a euphemism for anything, it really was a dead and slightly frozen fish. The screech was to kill the taste afterwards, or kill germs depending on how fastidious you were. Then followed some Newfoundland

Kids Trek needs artists, scientists, historians, politicians, authors, researchers, comedians, musicians and more to provide unparalleled learning opportunities during the World Gathering. The program for ages 4-12 has approximately 20 hours in which to offer interdisciplinary, interactive, exciting activities about the United States of America to children and their families from all over the planet. Don't miss this unique opportunity! Contact Martha (Feld) Williams and offer your invaluable knowledge and skills to show the world how truly inspirational American Mensans are.

How to elect a Party Animal: THE RULES

1. Only HELL's Ms can vote. Everyone who is currently or has ever been a member of the HELL's Ms can vote for PARTY ANIMAL. One vote each, no proxies.
2. NOTE - votes are to be taken privately, not as a group.
3. For the vote to be valid, there must be at least 10 Hells Ms voting for the PARTY ANIMAL (no, you cannot vote for the person who made it a great party by not showing up).
4. The person collecting the votes, any members of the PARTY ANIMAL HALL OF FAME, and myself (Skinner) cannot be chosen as the PARTY ANIMAL.
5. Anyone campaigning for PARTY ANIMAL is automatically eliminated from the running.
6. Whoever gets the most votes gets the award. (NOTE it is usually best if the person collecting the votes holds off on voting till the end, to act as a tiebreaker if necessary.)
7. Only a member of HELL's Ms can collect the votes.
8. The votes must be collected on the last day of the RG. (yes, you can collect them after midnight on Saturday from those people who will not be awake Sunday morning 'cause they danced or partied all night)
9. Only one PARTY ANIMAL can be chosen at an RG. There can be no ties.
10. The PARTY ANIMAL must be chosen at an RG, and not before or after the RG.
11. When sending in the information on the winner, you must also send in the names of everyone who got votes, with the number of votes they got.
12. The person chosen will get a T-shirt and a membership in HELL's Ms through the next renewal date.
13. NOTE: also send the new PARTY ANIMALs address and shirt size!!!!

Help wanted

The WG06 Committee needs you — your talent and your desire to help! Come and help us celebrate Mensa's diamond anniversary! It's going to be a party like no other, and we want you to be there.

Volunteering is a great way to meet people, make new friends and get reacquainted with old friends. We especially need Speaker Liaisons and Hospitality Hosts and Hostesses, just to name two, with specifics listed below. If you or your group can donate a little time to assist in the celebration, contact Volunteer Coordinator Kay Klasen.

Speaker Liaisons: Put speakers at ease, escort them to meeting rooms and see that they have everything they need to make their presentations. It's a great opportunity to meet some intriguing people or possibly your favorite speaker.

Hospitality Hosts and Hostesses: Both individuals and groups are needed. Showcase your Special Interest Group or your Local Group's upcoming events. Arrange snack table displays, hand out literature, bring your special decorations. It's your party; be creative! Use your social skills to help everyone have a really great time.

Technical Staff: With an event this large and with such a wide range of presentations, volunteers with audio/visual experience are a must. These volunteers can include musicians, videographers, amateur filmmakers, theater crew, stage hands, electricians, mechanics and IT technicians, either hobbyist or professional.

Security Professionals: Police or military experience is desired.

Welcome Packet Donors: Each attendee will receive a collection of items that make him or her glad to have come to the World Gathering. Contribute to the registrant welcome packets from your business or the company you or your friend works for. Suggested items may include key chains, mugs, water bottles, sample magazines and pens/pencils.

International Hosts and Hostesses: One room will be devoted to all things international. Every country that has Mensa members is invited to supply items unique to that country — music, food, postcards, posters, pencils, pens, etc. International Hosts and Hostesses will answer questions and make sure the room is secure. The room will not be open 24 hours.

tasties; bologna, seal flipper pastries, fish bites, more screech and then quite a bit of energetic Irish type dancing. Singing along was optional.

Newfoundlanders don't believe an evening finishes before 3am, so as good tourists, we tried to be polite and fit local customs. As if this wasn't enough, at the end we all got a fine certificate saying we were now honorary Newfoundlanders. Mine is framed on the wall.



To Party Smart..... Or Not

The question is up to you folks. Do you want a newsletter?

Unless we begin to receive interest (newsletter submissions), we will move to a twice a year publication. If you want a newsletter then help us, send articles, photos or anything for submission.

I love putting together the newsletter, and could ramble on forever, but I think it would make for better reading if on occasion someone submitted an article.

Please let us know. I can be reached at Zarya_Steele@hotmail.com or by phone at 678-361-1221.

All-Carolinah RG

by Sharon McMahan

The All-Carolinah RG was held March 24-26 2006 and hosted by Piedmont Area Mensa in Greenville, SC. Stormie Kullman and I were hospitality chairs and the RG Planning committee met regularly and often. With the AMC in attendance we were expecting more than our usual 80-90 attendees and indeed we actually had about 125 registrations far enough ahead of time to plan accordingly. We increased our usual order quantities and figured we had it under control. Oh - we were planning on feeding 2 meals in Hospitality - Saturday breakfast and dinner.



We had a very full schedule planned, outstanding speakers lined up, and lots of homemade goodies to share when we received some late-breaking news - our own Vera Lawson and Arthur Cartwright were going to get married at the RG! The RG Committee thought that was way-cool, and rearranged the schedule to accommodate a wedding - no problemo. After all, Vera had been LocSec and RG chair for several years - we figured to do her proud.

We get to the last planning meeting - mere days before the event - and find that the wedding guests were going to be specially badged, so they can partake of hospitality for the remainder of the Saturday after the wedding. "OK, we said, there's still time to get food - what's the total at now? ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE!!? You can't be serious. You want us to feed that many people in that dinky little hospitality room?!"

Nevertheless, with much help from all concerned - RG Committee members, our beloved Region 5 volunteers and on-the-spot draftees - we pulled off a successful party.

{{Hugs}} to everyone who helped continue the All Carolinah reputation for good southern hospitality.

Ya'll come back now, heah?

HELL's M's at the 2006 AG

by Skinner

We will be helping out in Hospitality from midnight August 8th to midnight August 9th. We will be working in 3-hour shifts. Please start reviewing the schedule of programs and events so that you can make time to help out during our shift.

I tried to get a Meet and Greet set up for the 8th but I was told that there were no rooms available. So how about we circle up in Hospitality in a corner or some open space we can find on the 8th at 10:00 pm. Just look for that guy with a whip and where ever he is, that is where we will gather.

SUDOKU

Answers available on page 5.

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