

Skinner Sez,



Hi all,

I hope things are going well for you. Yvonne and I are getting ready for the AG and I am looking forward the conversations I will be a part of while I am there. I am also looking forward to the programs, but they come in second place compared to the conversations I get to have with the people I see at the AG. So, take that as an invitation, if you have never been to an AG come and enjoy meeting other Mensans and have some great conversations.

As is our tradition, HELL's M's will be staffing the AG Hospitality area for 24 hours on July the 5th from midnight to midnight. I will be taking names for the 3-hour shifts at the AG starting on the 4th and during the continuing on the 5th until I have all the shifts filled.

We are working on HELL's M's suite at the AG. The details are starting to come together with the AG Committee and the hotel and it looks like it will be a good place for you to stop and meet other HELL's M's. There is an article later in this issue with more information.

HELL's M's will be having a Meet and Greet in the HELL's M's suite on the 4th at 9:00 PM. Join us, meet other HELL's M's, get a HELL's M's sticker for your name badge, and just have some fun.

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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.

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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.

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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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 you shirt arrives.

to talk but this time I don't know what to say". He was seen later wearing his shirt and having his picture taken with several pretty ladies.

For those who don't know, the HELLS ON WINGS is a special chapter of HELL's M's. You can not join that chapter. Membership is a gift from someone else. It is given to say thanks for what someone has done, or how their action affected others.

So that is how I met Dr Ware and an explanation of why he may have looked uneasy as he came to the podium in St Louis.

HELL ON WINGS

The HELL ON WINGS chapter was set up when several people wanted a way to acknowledge the people who made a difference in at RG's who were not given the PARTY ANIMAL award. You can not join this chapter. Membership is a gift from someone else. It is given to say thanks for what someone has done, or how their action affected others. The awarding of a membership is not limited to saying thanks for a persons action at an RG. It can be given to acknowledge a person for the difference they make in others lives.

To enroll someone in the HELL ON WINGS chapter and to get them the shirt and certificate you need to send Skinner the following information.

NAME _____
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
PHONE NUMBER _____
SHIRT SIZE _____
TO: (Name as you want it to appear on the certificate) _____
FROM: _____
FOR: _____
AT: _____

If you can get it their E-Mail address and Mensa membership number (if they are a member) would help.

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The HELL's M's SIG is moving along well. We have several people stepping into jobs to take some of the load of Yvonne and me. John Massura is our Treasure. Zarya Weinberger is the Editor of PARTY SMART. Arthur Cartwright is helping out with the Booteak.

The new printing system for shirts is producing a very good quality product. In some ways it is better that the old silk-screen process. The edges of the printing are much sharper with the new system.

I am continuing to get request for new chapters about twice a year. We now have 77 chapters. Look elsewhere in PARTY SMART for a full list.

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 help fill the next several issues???

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

Treasurer's Report as of 5/1/07

Balance as of 1/1/07: \$5338.65
Deposits: \$148.00
Checks: \$701.15
Balance as of 5/1/07: \$4785.50

submitted
John G. Massura
Treasurer, Hell's M's

To learn more about HELL's M's check out our web site at WWW.HELLSMS.COM To talk with other HELL's M's you can join us at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HellsMs>

How to throw a winter party, Hell's M's-style

Editor's note: My apologies to Beth, this should have been printed in the last newsletter.

by *Beth Weiss*

A Hell's M's party is any party where everyone involved (or affected by the party) has good memories the next day. It's turning into winter, when it gets dark early and the sun doesn't shine enough, so how do you go about throwing a Hell's M's style party in Ohio in the wintertime?

There are as many different kinds of party as there are people who throw them — and attend them. Birthday parties, New Year's parties, Christmas parties, Thanksgiving dinner, Games Night, neighbors ran into each other at the park gatherings, Tupperware parties, etc...

I start with a checklist: Food, Beverages, People, Venue, Date, and Time. Add in one or more of the following: Games, Music, football game, occasion, no-reason-at-all. Then tell people about the date and time (and what to bring, if anything), and you have a party.

Once the party gets started, there is one thing that can really help — make sure people know each other. Nobody likes to make introductions, but **everybody** hates being at a party and not knowing anyone. So, perform the introductions. Introductions are pretty easy, actually.

Ideally, you start out with two people, their names, and at least one piece of information about each of them. Those are the easiest introductions. "Lynn, I'd like you to meet Mary. Mary and I work together — she's also a software geek. Mary, Lynn and I went to school together." Include yourself in their chat for a minute or three, and then excuse yourself to go fill up the punch bowl.

Sometimes, though, you're stuck — you don't remember names. If you only remember one name, start there. "Michael, would you please take care of introductions? I've got to go put out more cookies!" Since every-

Dr. Ware and HELL's M's

Skinner

I had two major encounters with Dr Ware before he passed away and here are the stories.

The first time I met Dr Ware was in San Francisco at the 1992 AG where I had been asked to be part of the security team. The job was to be an easy one. I was to help people out and make sure everyone was wearing a name badge. Someone (I forget who) came up to me and pointed out an older man without a name badge who was talking with a woman who had a name badge. Being true to my job I went up to ask man if he was a registered guest of the AG, and if so to remind them that they needed to have their name badge on. The man listened politely and said he was from England and that they did not use badges there. I told him that was fine there but here the rule was that everyone had to have a name badge. We went back and forth a little bit before his friend asked me if I knew whom I was talking too. I said no and that I didn't think it really mattered who he was. It was then that I was introduced to Dr Ware. I told him it still didn't matter if who he was and that he needed to either get his badge or to leave. At that point he graciously went for his badge and wore it the rest of the AG. It wasn't until later that AG that I learned that Dr Ware was one of the founders of Mensa.

My second time with Dr Ware happened at the 1995 AG in St Louis. Someone (again I forget who) came up with the idea of awarding Dr Ware a HELL ON WINGS shirt for "starting it all" as one of the founders of Mensa. So at the Awards Brunch at the AG I called Dr Ware to the podium. This was the second time I had ever talked to him and I think he was remembering the first time as he came up. After I told the audience what the HELL ON WINGS shirt represented I presented him with the shirt, a plaque, and a list of 100+ Mensans who had contributed to the gift. When I gave it to him he said, "I usually try to be prepared

62	Heartbreakers	For those who play double deck hearts at RGS
63	Rainflowers	Those who help those who are down on their luck
64	Schlepper Colony	Helpers
65	Hell's Belles	For the ladies
66	Black Cats	
67	Lonestar Hellapenos	Texas
68		a closed chapter: 2001 AG helping hands
69	LXIX	Chapter 69
70	Eschew Obfuscation	Speak clearly
71	HEARTLESS	Don't play hearts
72	VL/AANDEREN	
73	THE PRIMORDIAL OOOHs ... AND AAAHs	
74	Boingy! Boingy!	
75	HOSPITALITY LEGION SAFETY MATTERS	
76	TUCSON MARGARITAS	
77	GenX Rated	

Easy Orange Sherbet

An easy Orange Sherbet recipe.

(from Watlington Family Recipes Easy Orange Sherbet.htm)

10 minutes to prepare, twelve hours to set
Makes 16 servings

- 2 cans Condensed Milk *Eagle Brand*
- 6 bottles (12 oz) Orange Soft Drink
- 1 can (#2) Pineapple *crushed*

Mix ingredients and freeze.

one wants more cookies, Michael will forgive you and stick out his hand and say "Hi, I'm Michael and you are...?"

If there are lots of people present and you can't remember everyone's name, you can say "I don't think everyone here knows everyone. I'm Lucy!" and then turn to your left (or right) and look expectantly at that person — she'll pipe up with her name. In future conversations, it is perfectly okay to look apologetic and say "I'm so sorry. I can't remember your name. I'm Richard."

Food, drink, a location and a time — and lots of introductions. Have a Hell's M's time!

2007 AG HOSPITALITY

The HELL's M's shift in the AG Hospitality area is from midnight on July the 4th to midnight on July the 5th. We will be working in 3-hour shifts. I will be signing people up for shifts at the AG starting on the 4th and during the continuing on the 5th until I have all the shifts filled. They are asking for +/- 6 people per shift with around 10 people for meal times. If you would like to commit to a shift before the AG contact me at skinner@hellsms.com. Include 2007 AT in the subject line to help me spot your message.

Punnies

"I can't believe I ate that whole pineapple!" Bill said, dolefully.

"I haven't caught a fish all day!" Mike said, without debate.

"I won't let a stupid flat tire let me down," Steve said, with despair.

"That's the second electric shock that I've gotten today!" Stew said, revolted.

"I'll just have to send that telegram again," Samuel said, remorsefully.

HELL'S MENSANS
EVIL M-PYRE

Wanna be a party animal? Don't wanna cross any bridges to do so? Local chapter of National SIG, Hell's Ms (the Party SIG). Operates independtly of GNYM, yet open to all Mensans, anywhere! Activities and liabilities happen at your own risk ;) even a yahoo group connection. Initiation: \$18 (covers National's fees, T-shirt, newsletter)

EVIL M-PYRE

We love GNYM, the greatest chapter of them all!
Let get this party started!

Join the **HELL'S MENSANS'**
EVIL M-PYRE

Francesca De Luca, (631) 666-1235,
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HELL's M's AG meetings

We will have 2 meetings at the 2007 AG. If you are there I hope you can make both of them. They are the:

A **HELL's M's MEET and GREET** that will happen on Wednesday at 9:00 PM. Join us and see who is at the AG, get a HELL's M's sticker for you name badge, adjourn, and s get back to the PARTY. This is not a business meeting.

The **HELL's M's SIG Meeting** that will happen on Friday at 5:30 PM. Join us and help decide what kind of activities HELL's M's will be doing in the future. Help us as we continue to decide how to use the money in our Treasury. Find out about some of the new products in the BOOTTEAK.

31	SLAMMers	St. Louis Area Mensa
32	Sinsinnati	Cincinnati, OH
33	Hog Butchers	Chicago, IL
34	Beach Bums	Florida
35	Pitt Dwellers	Pittsburgh, PA
36	Electronic Elite	Computer users
37	Alaska	Alaska
38	Question Authority	They liked the name
39	Joy Boy GayM Toy	for gay and lesbian Mensans
40	Heavy Mental Thunder	They liked the name
41	Houston Hellions	Houston, TX
42	Milliways Chapter (Mostly Harmless)	From a science fiction story
43		A closed chapter "TWas a Dark and Stormy Night"
44	MERF Supporters	Mensa Education and Research Foundation contributors
45	Buffalo Chips	Niagara Falls, NY
46	Germany	Germany
47	Unnatural Disaster	From a Mary Lee party, a sequel to chapter 43
48	3/Sig	A chapter started in Germany for people under 30 (unter dreisig - under 30 auf Deutsch)
49	Till Death do us Party	Started by Robert Andrus of Chicago
50	The Queen's Croquet	The generic chapter for Mary Lee's annual party
51	Chapter 11	(Morally Bankrupt) Indianapolis
52	Gemutlichkeit	Milwaukee
53	Lost Wages	Las Vegas
54	Cheeble	Developed at MWM RG January '96. Signifies willingness to work quickly - right now!
55	Hellsteins	Wisconsin
56	Consensual Wine & Music	Connecticut & Western Massachusetts
57	Beer-O-Spbeer Crew	From a prank pulled at the 2nd last California AG
58	Aurora Borealis	Canada, from the north and brilliant
59	Locsex	For Loc-Sees ;-)
60		A closed chapter: Cin and DAMNations, the AG from Hell
61	Stormhenge	From a Columbus, OH RG where a fabulous storm and tornadoes showed ...

HELL's M's Chapters & descriptions

I don't have good descriptions for a few of the newer Chapters. If you can help me with this information please send it to me. If any of the existing descriptions are incorrect let me know about those.

-Skinner

Chapter	Name	Relationship/Description
1		Blank - just the attack owl
2	Dayton Chapter	Dayton, Ohio - the founding city
3	Central New Jersey	Central New Jersey
4	Louisiana Chapter	Louisiana
5	Maumee Valley	Toledo, OH
6	Capitol Cossacks	Washington, DC
7	Tragic Kingdom	Orlando, FL
8	Owlterego	Central Alabama
9	Windy Ridge Chapter	Group where everyone is a VP
10	Asilomar	For their RG
11	Minnesota Chapter	Minnesota
12	La Republica De Tejas	Texas
13	Hard Luck Chapter	Because it was the 13th chapter
14	AMC Alumni Chapter	AMC alumni ONLY!
15	New Mexico Fire-fighters	New Mexico, started by 1 man
16	67 Asnem	Mensa 76 = Fort Worth, TX Mensa
17	M-Riders	Motorcycle riders
18	Emerald City	Seattle, WA
19	Terminus	Atlanta, GA
20	303rd Bombardment Group	Cleveland, OH
21	Flying Tigers	a witch started this chapter
22	Cosmic Family Campout	an annual event, I think out west
23	Southern California	Southern California
24	Unbridled Broward	Broward, FL
25	High Country Helions	Denver, CO
26	Maryland Maniacs	Maryland
27	Evil M-Pyre	New York, NY
28	SEMManiacs	South East Michigan Mensa
29	Manasota	Manasota, FL
30	TANSTAAFL	There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch

Searching for Old Sources & New Ideas

by Arthur Cartwright

As y'all* have heard/read, Skinner has asked me to be the Point of Contact (POC) for the Booteak. These duties not only involve maintaining, but also expanding the Booteak selection. I'm looking for suggestions for both. I'd like to hear from folks about recommended sources for custom imprinted products. I need true recommendations: first hand knowledge of a company that provides high quality, durable products that can withstand the severe abuse Hells Ms can heap upon their party gear.

I have a cup I got at a college football game in 1985 that still has brilliant colors. This is even more impressive since it's been through the dishwasher a lot. The problem is that I haven't been able to find out from where Baylor University ordered these mugs. I'm hopping someone out there has a similar mug, key chain, or pen that has not only survived your abuse but also can be traced to its source. So I challenge everyone reading this article to send me sources.

There is a lot of interest in expanding the Booteak selection to include other items like Hells M's playing cards. Don't limit your imagination. Please tell me what that something is that you've always thought would look great with a Hell M's logo on it. Since it goes along with our mission, I'm also interested in hearing if there are any unique party supplies/equipment that we should carry in the Booteak.

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of Vera & Arthur fame
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*-for those not educated in the South, y'all is the 2nd person plural of you.

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
 Red Bellamy
 Cher Burnham
 Janet Century
 Greg Crawford
 Niki Foor
 Rob Foor
 Yvonne Porter
 Misty Richmond
 Mary Jane Tala
 Linda Hathaway
 Nancy Heller
 Mary Lee Kemper
 Rocky LeFarth
 Ray O'Connor
 Loretta Olson
 David Plottel
 Virginia Boatman Plottel
 Beth Weiss
 Debra Williams

NEW PARTY ANIMALS recognized in 2007 are:

Stormie Kullman
 Sandy Johnson

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
 Joy Boy GayM Toy - 2 @ M
 HEAVY MENTAL THUNDER - XL
 GEMUETLICHKEIT - L, XL
 HELL'S BELLES - M

CUSTOM PRINTING

For those of you who want to get the HELL's M's logo on a special shirt can now get that done. All you need to do is send me the shirt you want it printed on and we will do it. The cost will be \$3.50 but you must send postage money or stamps to get the shirt sent back to you. There is only one restriction --- the color must be BLACK.

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

Long time no see. Its been a year since many of use have seen each other and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the AG. While you're there remember that you can give me articles, pictures or other items you would like to see in Party Smart. All you have to do is track me down. I'll be hard to miss, - look for the short extremely pregnant redhead.



See you soon!!

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) (Embroidered)	\$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
Insulated Can Holders	\$3.00
Ties	\$15.00

Party Animals

All-Carolinah RG

by David Weinberger

Stormie Kullman was voted the 2007 All-Carolinah RG Party Animal, which she truly earned as a result of her tireless work both in and behind the scenes as RG chair (some of us wondered when or if she slept at all during the gathering). This was the first time in a long while where she did not serve in her role as High Priestess, however the gathering was great fun for all in attendance.



DAMNations 20

by Beth Weiss

Sandy Johnson was elected Party Animal at DAMNations 20. Sandy was the Hospitality co-chair, - Hospitality couldn't have happened without her. Without Sandy, we might have served banana splits for breakfast and tried to eat bangles before they were delivered. She even came down to Dayton with about 2 hours notice and helped cook Friday night's dinner! Sandy made a lot of people happy and a lot of people *full* at the Dayton RG, and she richly deserves this second election as Party Animal.

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/Hellisms/>

Hell at the AG

by Yvonne Porter

At various SIG meetings, people have requested that we have a hospitality room at an AG – so when discussing the state of the treasury and what to do with some surplus, the topic came up again and the decision was made to host a hospitality room at the Birmingham AG this summer. The basics are that in order to be listed in the program, the room must be open to all (and besides, that makes it a recruiting tool, too). We can close the room to general admission at specified times for actual ‘SIG events’...and by having the room listed in the program and accessible to all attendees, we will share in the available hospitality furnished refreshments.

Our picture of this room is:

- it will be open and available to the membership during all the times when we have volunteers to staff it (and to most of the AG attendees whenever there is not a scheduled SIG event)
- we will have refreshments, but we are NOT planning to be a full-service hospitality room; we are planning on just snacks and beverages which will be provided by AG hospitality stores and/or SIG funds
- we will have scheduled ‘SIG events’ that will be closed to all but SIG membership and their guests (and like the Party Animal vote eligibility – that is all folks who paid membership at any time in the past, not just current folks). During these SIG events, we will have more food (maybe hot food, etc. but we will need to coordinate this with the timing of stuff in official hospitality and the availability of volunteers to assist in prep)
- it will be non-smoking, no unattended minors turf with the usual ability to eject problems and the people who caused them
- the AG and/or SIG will supply basics (snacks, soft drinks, wine, beer)
- it will not be available for anyone to crash on a couch over-

- night or grab a shower – it will not be a general purpose crash pad
- there will be an official volunteer in the room whenever it is open; and if there is not a volunteer, it will not be open.
- the ‘bootek’ will be in the room, and there will be set times for membership activities like renewals, buying stuff, etc.

To get to that, we need:

- volunteers to agree to ‘cover’ the room when it is open. Their duties will be to keep snacks out, trash cleaned up, alcohol safe from minors, merchandise secured, and chaos monitored. The shifts will be the usual 2 hour shifts, although one or two people per shift should be plenty.
- folks who are driving in and can bring in a cooler or crock-pot they will lend
- suggestions on what you would like to have SIG events on – I am thinking of a daily ‘chill down’ time between end of ‘day’ and before evening events happen that is just a little hot snack and maybe ‘nicer’ beer and wine

What we currently have:

- I agree to run the thing (as a veteran of not only 7 years of RG hospitality chair, more years of being an RG chair, and chairing hospitality at the ‘98 CDAG, I am obviously brain-damaged enough to fit right in). If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, bringing coolers or a crock-pot, or anything else – please email me at yporter@gaporter.com but be certain to include AG2007 in the subject so my spam filter lets your email through.
- the AG committee will look at the cost and how we need to go about getting the suite arranged
 - Treasury funds to cover the basics, and once we have a better idea from the AG committee about the costs, we will know just what degree of stuff we can actually supply.

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