

Saturday October 26, 2002 At The Barnhart's - 1515 Haynes Ave. 7:30 p.m. - ????? Please call 452-2567 to RSVP

This year's food contest will have two themes, and as usual we will have FABULOUS prizes for the winners in each category. We will have a **chili contest** and a **dessert contest**. Sorry Brenda, even though your cream puffs are required for your admittance as voted on by the majority of the attendees, the same rabble requires that they be ineligible for judging.

And, speaking of the requirements for your admittance, this year I am going to go on the assumption that we're all <u>adults</u> here. Yes, I am going to dispense with all the rule setting and threat making out of my love and faith in all of you. Sensible, intelligent grown-ups gathering together to revel in each others company and celebrate that time of year when we can put aside the rigid stuffy everyday personas we all must present to the world and let our real inner selves float to the top of our stagnant, scum-covered surfaces and say to the world, "Hello world, this is the real me, see me for what I really am and make no judgments 'cause I've got a few choice comments I could say about you too!" (ok, Larry put in the scum-covered surfaces part.)

I realize I could be opening up a really ugly door here, and I'm certainly not at all opposed to going back to my rigid Gestapo-like regimented party rules. As a matter of fact, I would not be opposed to issuing each of you a uniform to insure the sort of saint-like decorum I have always hoped for in a Halloween Costume Party. But I digress. This year I'm trusting in all of you to rise to the occasion, and choose costumes and create dishes that are wholesome, appropriate and in essence not obnoxious. Yes, I am trusting in each and every one of you to behave in an adult, sensible, grown-up fashion. I will not even single out those of you that I am most worried about, Retus, Rhonda, Dave P., Doug, Terry, Tom, Mike, Evon, Jim, Lynn, Lee, Tarin, Dick, and Adam. 'Nuff said.

