

# The Cambridge Solution: A Group Murder Mystery

**THEY improv** has come up with a special murder mystery that takes into account the budgetary needs of a smaller group and the need for more participants of a larger group. This event, which we consider to be Harvard-smart, is our Cambridge Solution.

Using four to ten participants from your group, the Cambridge Solution provides a unique opportunity to enjoy a murder mystery while allowing the leaders of any group to speak with everyone in the event. For country clubs, it's a great way to get members to interact with leaders in the community or staff of the facility.

Towards the end of cocktails, our host(s) introduce the murder and then ask people to sit down. The participants are then brought on stage, having been provided with some character information earlier. This includes information that they know about each other, that they know about themselves, and that they know about the murder. They answer some very basic questions in front of the group. During the course of the meal they move from table to table answering whatever questions people put to them. At dessert they are brought back in front of the group and asked some more pointed questions that they've been provided answers to.

Each table works together to try to solve the crime and answer questions that have been put to them. The table has to agree on their answers and also votes for which participant they thought did the best job of acting. Prizes are provided to each winner and the best actor.

## Question 1: How many facilitators?

We prefer the term 'host' for our facilitator. Our host will allow you to make certain that the rules are explained, information disseminated and freeing you up to enjoy your own party.

With a second facilitator, you get another actor who serves to assist the host with all manner of issues and plays the victim, allowing members to take pictures with the dead body like *Weekend at Bernie's*. Afterwards this second host helps administer the party.

## Question 2: What theme for the party?

**THEY improv** customizes most of these events and can come up with a variety of themes to fit most every occasion. From themes taking place in various times in the past, such as a Speakeasy from the 20's, with big hair bands of the 80's, at a peace rally in the 70's, British spies, to events taking place with celebrities, children's themes or simply at a millionaire's mansion, **THEY improv** can get your group going and enjoying a night of murderous mayhem.

## Question 3: How long will the event take?

The events vary in length depending on how many tables there are but generally begin at the end of cocktails and end during dessert. We have some flexibility to allow the event to be longer or shorter depending on your needs by adjusting the time spent talking at each table. Generally they are between 45-60 minutes for very small groups, 60-90 for medium and 90-120 for very large groups.

Contact **THEY improv** to find out how hiring **THEY improv** is a winning proposition for everyone, even the victim! Email **THEY improv** at [info@THEYimprov.com](mailto:info@THEYimprov.com) or by phone at (866) 219-4386.