



New Hampshire Mensa's  
Granite Gathering

16th - 18th February 2018

Best Western Plus  
Wynwood Hotel & Suites

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

# Tips For an Enjoyable RG

**The Entertainment Room:** Our Entertainment Room is intended to be a casual cafe while performances are underway. Feel free to come in and out at will with your snacks and drinks.

**Badges:** Anyone NOT wearing a badge will NOT be allowed entry into Hospitality. Many of you will think this stinks. However, this is the only way we can ensure that only paying RG attendees will be able to avail themselves of the victuals and libations that your registration dollars paid for. We trust you understand, and we thank you for your cooperation.

**Hospitality:** Please do not carry open containers outside the RG area so that we may abide by state regulations that govern the hotel.

**Smoking:** No smoking is allowed in the hotel. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Pool:** If you choose to use the hotel pool, please observe the posted rules.

**Behavior:** Please respect the property of the RG and the hotel. Illegal, destructive, or abusive behavior will not be tolerated and will be considered cause for possible eviction from the RG without refund.

**Hugging:** The Mensa hug dot code is as follows:  
GREEN means Yes, please hug me!"  
YELLOW means "Please ask me first."  
RED means "Don't hug me"  
BLUE means "Seeking dates."

***Please treat all children as if they have red dots,*** as they often decorate their badges with multiple colors or their favorite.

**Parents and Children:** Please, no unaccompanied children under 12 in public areas after 10:00 p.m.

**Schedule Authenticity:** Our schedule is current as of 2/1/2018, but is subject to change without notice. We hope nothing changes, but if it does, we will endeavor to post any and all changes in a prominent location in Hospitality.

**RG Time:** Our RG runs on RG Time; not all clocks are synchronized! Please be patient with our hard-working volunteers if an event gets underway a few minutes late.

**Meet-And-Greets:** Speaking of getting things underway a few minutes late, if you show up at a Meet-and-Greet and no one else is there yet, please don't walk away! All too often, the first person arrives, sees an empty room, and leaves. A minute later, the next person arrives, sees an empty room, and leaves. Etc. Please wait for a few minutes until everyone shows up!

## Room Guide

On the Ground Floor: Appledore, Badger, Cedar, Boardroom  
Games are in Appledore  
Many speakers are in Badger  
Some Speakers and Entertainment are in Cedar  
Hospitality is outside Appledore and Badger  
Fox Imaging - The Mensa Store is outside Cedar

On the Second Floor: Rooms 292-297  
The Speaker Room 292  
The Meet & Greet Room is Room 293  
The Movie Room is Room 294  
Some Tournaments are in Room 295  
Special Events are in Room 296  
The Adult Craft Room is in Room 297

# RG Schedule

Welcome to the NH Regional Gathering! Thank you for coming to Portsmouth and sharing a weekend with us. We are very excited to be sharing our 28th RG with you!

## Friday

**4:00 pm Registration, Hospitality, and Games Room open.**

### **6:00 - 7:30 pm Dinner (Hospitality)**

Baked Potatoes with the works - come stuff a potato with yumminess as a great way to start your RG. There will also be soup and bread available

### **7:30pm Life of Brian (Movie Room 294)**

(1979, R (language, sacrilege), 1:34).

The classic film by Monty Python. A homage (or spoof) of biblical times around AD 33. Always look on the bright side of life!

### **8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Trivia (Cedar)**

What's the best thing for a Friday night? Some of you may be thinking "going to the pub for a drink", and you may not be entirely wrong, but the real answer is "go to the Entertainment Room for trivia"! Bring your team, or join one, for our third annual trivia game.

### **9:00 pm - Bar opens**

JoAnn W. returns to serve us at the bar again this year.

### **9:15pm Get Out (Movie Room 294)**

(2017, R, (language, brief violence), 1:44).

<<Oscar Nominations for Best: Original Screenplay, Actor, Director, Picture>>

Written and directed by Jordan Peele (of the comedy team Key

& Peele), this is “Guess Who’s Coming To Dinner” meets “Stepford Wives”. An African-American man visits his caucasian girlfriend’s parents, and meets various ‘blacks’, whose behavior is odd. Meanwhile, his good buddy on the phone has two words of advice: Get Out! Daniel Kaluuya, Allison Williams, Brad Whitford, and features LilRel Howery.

### **9:30pm - Ice Cream (Hospitality)**

We will be serving Ice cream sundaes with all the fixings. Come get your favorite treat, sit and enjoy with lots of good conversations

### **10:00 pm (or after Trivia) Werewolves of Spamalot (Badger)**

Oh no! It’s bad enough that the residents of Ziggy Hollow are often visited by werewolves. But this time, they’re being visited by the cast of Monty Python And The Holy Grail, and other assorted loonies. You might just die of laughter (and that’s even without the world’s funniest joke).

**11:00 pm Bar closes for the night.**

**11:10 pm Movie Room closes for the night.**

### **11:30 pm Shrimp and Champagne (Hospitality)**

We kick off the weekend with shrimp and champagne.

## **Saturday**

### **8:00 - 10:30 am Breakfast (Hospitality)**

Omelets for breakfast this year. We will have bagels, muffins, fresh fruit, and other yummy pastries so I am sure you will find something to start your day.

Hot Breakfast ends at 9:30. Continental breakfast available until 10:30

### **9:00 am Adult Craft Room Opens (297)**

## **9:00am-10:15am Cardmaking & Such (Adult Craft Room 297)**

Liz Modesitt

Join us in the Crafts Room for a session of making cards or other paper art. There will be stickers, scrapbooking paper, all sorts of paper punches, markers & pens, and even envelopes for finished products.

## **9:00 am - Testing (Special Events Room 296)**

Invite your non-Mensan friends to test!

## **9:15am Time Bandits (Movie Room 294)**

(1981, PG, 1:58).

Terry Gilliam (Monty Python's animator and occasional actor) wrote and directed this whimsical classic. A young boy follows a group of dwarves who use a map of holes in time to travel throughout history, stealing various items, while eluding their boss, the Supreme Being, and his adversary, Evil.

## **9:30 am - Hot breakfast is over**

## **10:30 am - Breakfast is over**

## **10:00 – 11:30 am – Learning Mah-Jongg the Easy Way (Cedar)**

Anne Allen

The first 10 minutes will be an overview of Mah-Jongg – The Game. It is more similar to Gin Rummy than any secret oriental diversion. You will be given take-home laminated cheat sheets, and a great first lesson in how to play. Using two card tables, and two sets of Mah-Jongg tiles, Anne will help you learn to make quick decisions- and to unmake those decisions just as quickly. Anne will be happy to play more mah-jongg during the RG also. Late arrivals and early departures welcome. There will be plenty of hand outs for people to maybe play later in the Games Room.

## **10:30 – 11:30 am - Silly Walking up the Highest Place in New England (Badger)**

Dan Szczesny

Mount Washington is the location of Alton Weagle Day, an annual attempt by dozens of hardy and often foolish walkers to break some of the craziest records every recorded. From crawling on knees to riding a hobby horse to walking backwards, Alton "Mr. Mount Washington" Weagle has inspired hundreds of daring walkers to do the incredible and ridiculous while facing down a mountain known for the worst weather in the world. In June of 2017, Dan Szczesny attempted to become the first walker to hike up the mountain reading poetry - he attempted the record dressed like Walt Whitman in period clothes and reading Leaves of Grass. Did he make it? And who was the Alton Weagle that so many have attempted to silly walk in his shoes? Join Dan for a talk and slide show on some of the silliest walks ever attempted!

## **10:30am - 12:00pm, Origami and Paper Planes (Adult Craft Room 297)**

Diane Henry

Create origami cranes and planes using paper. Paper of all types and colors provided, just bring yourself and a desire to fold for fun!

## **11am - Monty Python Spelling Half-a-Bee (Tournament/Games Room 295)**

Did you know that Kemal Ataturk had an entire menagerie all named Abdul? Can you spell menagerie? How about Ataturk? Or Abdul? BURMA! Sorry, I panicked, because I'm doing an entire spelling bee (well, half a bee), full of words, names, and places related to the comic caperings of the one and only, six of a kind Monty Python comedy troupe. So grab a wattle, hop on the conveyor belt toward the abattoir, and maybe stop at the Argument Clinic on the way. And especially save this blurb, because I may use any or all of the words from this blurb in the bee. And now, on Radio One, the death of Mary, Queen of Scots.

### **11:15am The Princess Bride (Movie Room 294)**

(1987, PG, 1:38).

Written (based on his novel) by William Goldman, directed by Rob Reiner, this is a self-satirizing tale a grandfather reads to his grandson, a tale of the rescue of Buttercup from Prince Humperdinck's castle by her true love, Wesley. Never heard of? Inconceivable!

### **12:00 - 1:00 pm: Lunch (Hospitality, Cedar, Badger)**

We will have our traditional sandwich buffet. Come fuel up to keep you going through the day of fun planned. Yes there are vegetarian options. Come check out the spread. (Note: talks resume half-way through in Cedar and Badger)

### **12:30 – 1:30 pm - Teacher-Bots: How artificial intelligence will destroy the current paradigm in education (Cedar)**

Timmy King

For all of its amazing accomplishments, the current global education system is deeply flawed. The transition from School Marm to Modern Professor has barely kept pace with technology. Our children's children won't understand how we learned things in the dark ages of 2017. If you choose to attend this talk, be prepared to set aside everything you know about learning and education; because the future will blow you away.

### **12:30 – 1:30 pm – Travel Trivia: Things I Learned Writing “A History of Travel in 50 Vehicles” (Badger)**

Paula Grey

From the first foot migration out of Africa to the Model T Ford, hot air balloons, submarines, rickshaws, and moon rockets, humans have combined imagination, daring, and scientific and technical brilliance to improve existing vehicles or create new ones. Paula Grey, author of A History of Travel in 50 Vehicles, will discuss how geography, culture, and available technologies have all influenced the development and use of vehicles in different parts of the world, and how human travel has, in turn, had a profound influence on society and the environment. She'll also share some interesting vehicle-related trivia.



## **1:00 pm Poker Tournament (Boardroom)**

## **1:00 pm “Weird Al” Yankovic (Movie Room 294)** (NR/"TV14")

Musical Comedy videos by Weird Al, including “Yoda”, “The Saga Begins”, “Word Crimes”, “Foil”, “Tacky”, “All About the Pentiums”, “White & Nerdy”, “Amish Paradise”, and more.

## **1:00-2:30 pm - Monty Python Fluxx Tournament** **(Tournament/Games Room 295)**

Fluxx is a card game in which the actions you take on your turn and the goal for winning the game can change on every turn. Combine that with a Monty Python theme, and you have... well... fun! Rules will be taught, except for Rule #6.

## **1:30pm to 3:00pm, Open Coloring (Adult Craft Room 297)**

During this time, the Crafts Room will not be staffed, but feel free to wander in and use the space for coloring. There will be coloring sheets provided on a number of themes such as floral, geometric, and cartoons.

## **2 – 3 pm – New Hampshire’s Revolutionary Idiosyncrasies** **(Cedar)**

Aurore Eaton

Without a doubt, New Hampshire played an important role in the Revolutionary War, contributing to the ultimate American victory over the British. New Hampshire’s story during this period, however, is not a simple one of upright patriotism, sacrifice, and glory (though there was plenty of that). There were also unruly mobs; a clever thwarting of a potential Portsmouth Tea Party; a messy amateur raid on a seacoast fort; some questionable foreign diplomacy efforts; and a few notable people who weren’t sure which side they were on, at least at first. Learn about these and other idiosyncratic elements of New Hampshire’s Revolutionary history!

## **2:00 - 4:00 pm Formal English Tea (Badger)**

Elizabeth Becker

Travel to England for a formal afternoon tea. Sip your choice of four different hot teas out of fine china cups and saucers. Nibble on an array of dainty sandwiches & baked goods. While you enjoy your selections, your hostess will share some of the history behind this long-standing English tradition. Please note this event is limited to 20 attendees.

## **2:00 pm Key & Peele (Movie Room 294)**

(TV14)

Comedy skits from the team of Keegan Michael Key and Jordan Peele, including "Racist Zombies", "Les Mis", "Auction Block", and others.

## **2:30pm Ultra Spiritual, with J.P. Sears (Movie Room 294)**

(NR/"G")

Skits from J.P. Sears, skewering the passive-aggressive behavior of certain vegans and other 'ultra spiritual' types.

## **3:00 pm: Snack - Cookies (Hospitality)**

Cookies are always a favorite snack

## **3:00pm to 4:30pm, Clay Ring or Trinket Dish (Adult Craft Room 297)**

Anna Woolf

Come make a "Press Plate" project using an air-dry clay. We will craft small round ring or trinket dish, with individually textured designs using a super-quick forming method. After forming, the clay will harden overnight and be ready for a clear-coat.

## **3pm Vines/Story Time, with Thomas Sanders (Movie Room 294)**

(NR/"TV14")

"Vines" (micro-skits, seconds long) by internet star Thomas Sanders, whose humor is like a quick shot of espresso.

### **3:00 - 5:00 pm Spirit Tasting (Speaker Room 292)**

Glenn Della-Monica

This year, a variety of spirits will be offered, including some Scotch, some Bourbon and a couple of really good rums.

Tasters are encouraged to bring a glass, preferably a Glencairn glass. Plastic cups will be available for free at the event, but who wants to taste the nectar of the gods from a plastic cup?

***The presentation is free, but is limited to about 15 tasters, who have to be 21 or older. Non-drinkers are welcome to watch.***

***Attendees are asked to agree not to drive for a couple of hours after the tasting or until they blow under a 0.06 on my portable BAL meter (0.06 for a safety margin)***

### **3:30pm Don't Trust The Rabbit, with Trixi Rabbit (Movie Room 294)**

(NR/"G")

A series of quirky, funny, observational videos by a 20something German woman (speaking fluent English), stage named Trixi Rabbit. Observations of cultural stereotypes between Germany and America.

### **3:30 – 5:00 pm – A Cure for Left Footedness and Arrhythmia (LFAA) (Cedar)**

Don Jacobs

You keep saying "I can't dance. I've got two left feet and no rhythm". Well we've got the cure - a dance session with Don Jacobs. He himself is a recovering LFAA and knows the pitfalls of developing separate left and right feet and compensating for a defective rhythm gene. Yes you too can look totally confident on the dance floor in only one easy lesson (or maybe two). This is usually a packed session so come early and get a good spot on the floor. Oh, and no partners required.

#### **4pm College Humor/Funny or Die videos (Movie Room 294)**

Various comedy bits, including “WestWorld/City Slickers” (with Billy Crystal), “Grammar Nazis”, “Women Who Didn’t Love ‘Wonder Woman’”, and others.

#### **4:30 - 5:30 pm Meet the AMC (Meet & Greet Room 293)**

#### **4:30pm to 6:00pm, Paint and Sip (Adult Craft Room 297)**

Laurie Levesque

Heard about the fun that your friends or coworkers had at a paint-n-sip event? Want to try your hand at painting in a no-stress environment? We have room for eight adults in this painting party. Bring a tasty adult beverage and your enthusiasm and follow along with the instructor as she walks the group through a painting from start to finish. Supplies are provided.

#### **4:30 - Everyday Tarot for Daily Guidance (Board Room)**

Tom and Kelly Galanis

Discover more about yourself with an intuitive Tarot reading! Kelly and Tom Galanis will help guide you through a fun and engaging reading, and help you understand how to practice Tarot in your daily life. Using both traditional Tarot and contemporary decks such as Lenormand, Kipper, and fortune cards, the couple has found Tarot as a source offering guidance in everyday life. Come learn how these fun and exciting readings can help benefit and guide you towards the answers you seek!

After our brief presentation, we will offer individualized Tarot readings to those interested.

| Friday   |                    |            |                  |
|----------|--------------------|------------|------------------|
|          | Badger             | Cedar      | Hospitality      |
| 04:00 PM | <b>RG OPENS!!!</b> |            | Snacks           |
| 05:00 PM |                    |            |                  |
| 06:00 PM |                    |            |                  |
| 07:00 PM |                    |            | Dinner           |
| 08:00 PM |                    |            |                  |
| 09:00 PM |                    |            |                  |
|          |                    | Pub Trivia | Bar Opens        |
|          |                    |            | Ice Cream        |
| 10:00 PM | Werewolves         |            |                  |
| 11:00 PM |                    |            | Bar Closes       |
|          |                    |            | Shrimp&Champagne |
| 12:00 AM |                    |            |                  |

| Friday Continued... |  |                      |
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|                     | Movies - 294                                       | Tournament Games 295 |
| 04:00 PM            |  |                      |
| 05:00 PM            |  |                      |
| 06:00 PM            |  |                      |
| 07:00 PM            |  |                      |
| 08:00 PM            | Life of Brian                                      |                      |
| 09:00 PM            |  |                      |
|                     |  |                      |
| 10:00 PM            | Get Out  |                      |
| 11:00 PM            | Movie Room Closed                                  |                      |
| 12:00 AM            |  |                      |
|                     | <b>Note: Not all Rooms and/or Activities Shown</b> |                      |

|          | Saturday           |   |                  |  |
|----------|--------------------|---|------------------|--|
|          | Badger             | Cedar                                   | Speaker Room 292 | Adult Crafts 297                         |
| 08:00 AM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 08:30 AM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 09:00 AM |                    |   |                  | Cardmaking & Such Origami & Paper Planes |
| 09:30 AM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 10:00 AM | Mount Washington   | Mah-Jongg                               |                  |  |
| 10:30 AM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 11:00 AM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 11:30 AM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 12:00 PM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 12:30 PM | Travel Trivia      | Teacher-Bots                            |                  |  |
| 01:00 PM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 01:30 PM |                    |   |                  | Open Coloring                            |
| 02:00 PM | Formal English Tea | Revolutionary Idiosyncrasies            |                  |  |
| 02:30 PM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 03:00 PM |                    |   | Spirit Tasting   | Clay                                     |
| 03:30 PM |                    | LFAA (Dance Class)                      |                  |  |
| 04:00 PM |                    |   |                  | Paint & Sip                              |
| 04:30 PM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 05:00 PM | Room Change        | Room Change                             |                  | Closes                                   |
| 05:30 PM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 06:00 PM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 06:30 PM | Dinner             | Dinner                                  |                  |  |
| 07:00 PM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 07:30 PM |                    | Improv Comedy                           |                  |  |
| 08:00 PM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 08:30 PM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 09:00 PM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 09:30 PM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 10:00 PM | Werewolves         |   |                  |  |
| 10:30 PM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 11:00 PM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 11:30 PM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 12:00 AM |                    | Note: Not all Rooms or Activities Shown |                  |  |
| 12:30 AM |                    |   |                  |  |
| 01:00 AM |                    |   |                  |  |

| Saturday                                   |                                   |                            |                          |             |          |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Movies<br>294                              | M&G (293)<br>and/or<br>board room | Games<br>295               | Special<br>Events<br>296 | Hospitality |          |
|  |                                   |                            |                          | Breakfast   | 08:00 AM |
|  |                                   |                            |                          |             | 08:30 AM |
| Time<br>Bandits                            |                                   |                            | Testing                  |             | 09:00 AM |
|  |                                   |                            |                          |             | 09:30 AM |
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| Princess<br>Bride                          |                                   | Spelling<br>Half-a-<br>Bee |                          | 11:00 AM    |          |
|  |                                   |                            |                          | 11:30 AM    |          |
|  |                                   |                            | Lunch                    | 12:00 PM    |          |
|  | 12:30 PM                          |                            |                          |             |          |
| Weird Al                                   | Poker<br>(board room)             | Fluxx<br>Tourny            |                          |             | 01:00 PM |
| Key&Peele                                  |                                   |                            |                          |             | 01:30 PM |
| Ultra Spiritual                            |                                   |                            |                          |             | 02:00 PM |
|  |                                   |                            |                          |             | 02:30 PM |
| Vines                                      |                                   |                            |                          | Cookies     | 03:00 PM |
| Rabbit                                     |                                   |                            |                          |             | 03:30 PM |
| College Humor                              |                                   |                            |                          |             | 04:00 PM |
| Monty<br>Python<br>Classic<br>Sketches     | AMC / Tarot<br>(293) / (board)    |                            |                          |             | 04:30 PM |
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|  |                                   |                            |                          |             | 06:00 PM |
| Majority<br>Rule                           |                                   |                            |                          | Dinner      | 06:30 PM |
| Pria                                       |                                   |                            |                          |             | 07:00 PM |
| A Fish<br>Called<br>Wanda                  |                                   |                            |                          |             | 07:30 PM |
|  |                                   |                            |                          |             | 08:00 PM |
|  |                                   |                            | BDSM<br>101              | Bar open    | 08:30 PM |
|  |                                   |                            |                          |             | 09:00 PM |
| Monty<br>Python &<br>Holy Grail            |                                   |                            |                          | Desserts    | 09:30 PM |
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|  |                                   |                            |                          |             | 10:30 PM |
|  |                                   |                            |                          | Bar Closes  | 11:00 PM |
| Closes                                     | Closes                            |                            |                          |             | 11:30 PM |
| Note: Not all Rooms or<br>Activities Shown |                                   |                            |                          |             | 12:00 AM |
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## RG Meal Schedule

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**Friday 4 pm:** Hospitality Opens with snacks and beverages

**Friday 6 pm:** Dinner

Baked Potatoes with the works - come stuff a potato with yumminess as a great way to start your RG. There will also be soup and bread available.

**Friday 9:30 pm:** We will be serving Ice cream sundaes with all the fixings. Come get your favorite treat, sit and enjoy with lots of good conversations

**Friday 11:30 pm:** Shrimp & Champagne

We kick off the weekend with shrimp and champagne.

**Saturday 8 am:** Breakfast

Omelets for breakfast this year. We will have bagels, muffins, fresh fruit, and other yummy pastries so I am sure you will find something to start your day.

**Saturday 9:30 am:** Hot Breakfast ends. Continental breakfast available until 10:30

**Saturday 12 pm noon:** Lunch

We will have our traditional sandwich buffet. Come fuel up to keep you going through the day of fun planned. Yes there are vegetarian options. Come check out the spread.

**Saturday 3 pm:** Cookies are always a favorite snowy day treat.

**Saturday 6:30 pm:** Dinner

Britain's favorite Take Away is Indian food. In that spirit we will have a delightful meal provided by the Shalimar in Portsmouth of Samosa, Mixed Veggie Curry, Chicken Tikka Masala, Nan, Rice and at least 2 kinds of Chutney

**Saturday at 10 pm:** Desserts and more Desserts

Desserts and more Desserts. Yes, this means chocolate and lots of tasty goodies. Come try a sample of everything or just take a piece of your favorite.

**Sunday 8 am:** Sunday Brunch starts at 8am with lots of breakfast treats and slowly changes over to lunch.



**4:30pm Monty Python Classic Sketches (Movie Room 294)**  
(TV14)

Sketches from Monty Python's Flying Circus, including "Silly Walks", "Cheese Shop", "Argument Clinic", "Déjà Vu", "Not Being Seen", "Dead Parrot", "Déjà Vu", "Climbing Uxbridge Road", "Up & Down The Square", "Society for Things Ontop Other Things", "Galaxy Song", and others.

**5:00 pm Room Set up / Change-over (Badger & Cedar)**

**5:30 pm Adult Craft Room Closes**

**6:15pm The Orville (episode 107), "Majority Rule" (Movie Room 294)**

(2017, :45 TV14).

The Orville crew has a rescue from a planet where the public votes up/down for people where Offenders go on an Apology Tour of talk shows. Like/Dislike on steroids.

**6:30 - 7:30 pm Dinner (Hospitality/Badger/Cedar)**

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**7pm The Orville (episode 105), "Pria" (Movie Room 294)**

(2017, :45 TV14).

Captain Ed is smitten with Pria (Charlize Theron), the captain of a stranded ship, but First Officer Kelly has suspicions. (Directed by Jonathan Frakes).

### **7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Something Completely Different: Improv Comedy (Cedar)**

The Monty Python players all met each other in Oxford and Cambridge, so what better place could there be to look for the next generation of comic genius could there be than our own Cambridge in Massachusetts. Our after-dinner entertainment will be provided by the Immediate Gratification Players, one of the premier collegiate improv comedy troupes from one of the better-known universities in Cambridge.

### **8pm A Fish Called Wanda (Movie Room 294)**

(1988, R (language), 1:48).

A jewel heist/double-cross caper movie with comedy. John Cleese (who wrote and co-directed), Jamie Lee Curtis, Michael Palin, and Kevin Kline (winner of Best Supporting Actor).

### **9:00 pm Bar is open (Hospitality)**

JoAnn W. will be serving us at the bar again this year. Come welcome her back!

### **9:00 pm BDSM 101: (Special Events Room 296)**

Curious about kink? This program will cover the basics of BDSM terminology, culture, activities, and devices. This is not a play session, but demos are likely if there are enthusiastic volunteers. There will be time for Q&A.

### **10:00 pm Werewolves of Spamalot (Badger)**

Oh no! It's bad enough that the residents of Ziggy Hollow are often visited by werewolves. But this time, they're being visited by the cast of Monty Python And The Holy Grail, and other assorted loonies. You might just die of laughter (and that's even without the world's funniest joke).

### **10pm: Desserts and more Desserts. (Hospitality)**

Yes this means Chocolate and lots of tasty goodies come try a sample of everything or just take a piece of your favorite.

**10pm Monty Python and the Holy Grail (Movie Room 294)**  
(1975, PG, 1:32).

A series of loosely connected skits by the titular comedy group, based on themes of King Arthur's Quest for The Grail.

**11:00 pm Bar closes**

**11:30 pm Movie Room closes.**

## **Sunday**

**8:00 am Brunch (Hospitality)**

Sunday Brunch starts at 8am with lots of breakfast treats and slowly changes over to lunch.

**10:00 am Closing Ceremony and Awards (Badger)**

How has this RG been? Have there been hugs you've missed giving?? Join RG Chair Deb Stone as she closes this RG out!

**10:00 am Meet & Greet Room & Speaker Rooms Close**

**12:00 pm noon** All the food is gone.

**12:00 pm noon Special Business Meeting, Followed by Regular Quarterly Business Meeting**

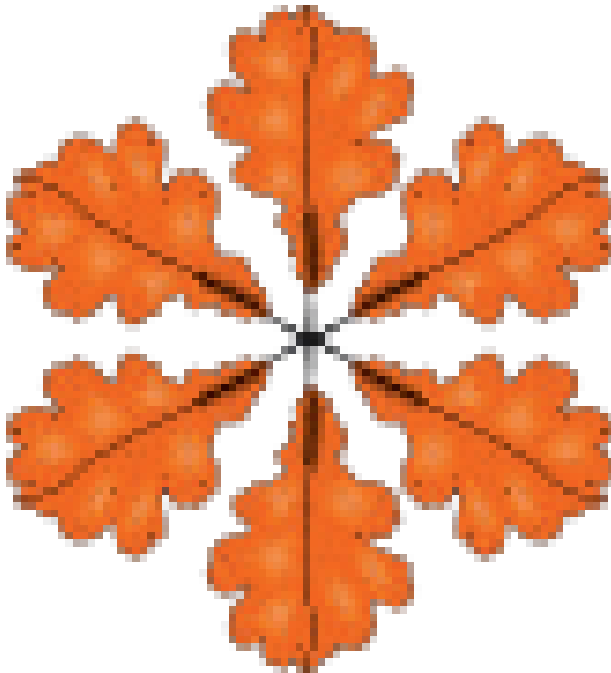
The special Business Meeting is held to close out the nominating period for this election year, per our by-laws. This will be followed by our regular quarterly business meeting to cover any other business. Anyone may attend. Only NH Mensans may vote. Note: voting would be on any measures that might come forward, not on candidates for office. Any contested positions will be voted on in the spring.

**12:00 pm noon Hospitality Clean-Up.**

What a great RG!! Come help us clear it out!!

**1:00 pm RG CLOSSES**

|          | <b>Sunday</b>                          |                   |
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|          | Hospitality                            | Badger            |
| 07:00 AM |  |                   |
| 08:00 AM | Brunch                                 |                   |
| 09:00 AM |  |                   |
| 10:00 AM |  | Closing Ceremony  |
| 11:00 AM |  |                   |
| 12:00 PM | All Food Gone<br>Clean up              | Business Meetings |
| 01:00 PM | <b>RG is Over - See you Next Year!</b> |                   |



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# Many Thanks to Our Presenters!

**Anne Allen** is currently LocSec of Maine Mensa. (As well as Testing Coordinator, Proctor, and Gifted Youth Coordinator – you all know how that goes!) She fell in love with Mah-Jongg after learning it from her sister (#SaintEllen). She says it is more like Gin Rummy than you think! (And Anne is a master at all things that incorporate GIN!)

**Elizabeth Becker:** Tea is my life. I wake up with tea. I drink tea all day, and settle down at night with a cup of tea. That love of tea has inspired a collection of tea sets and a bit of knowledge about proper tea parties.

**Glenn Della-Monica**, Scotch Aficionado, has enjoyed Scotch since his tour in Vietnam, but his real introduction to it was at the Whiskies of the World expos in the late 90's. He's been investigating the mysteries of this elixir since, including attendance at such events as the NH Distillers Showcase. He has been collecting and sampling Scotches from the common to the rare since then. He has hosted very well received tastings at his fish and game club and did a couple of tastings at the Makelt Labs maker space in Nashua this past year.

**Aurore Eaton** is a Manchester NH native who has researched and promoted local history for over twenty-five years. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire and studied theatre design at Dartmouth College in Hanover New Hampshire. She has worked in public relations, public programming, and management capacities for several nonprofit organizations, and is the former Executive Director of the Cambridge (Massachusetts) Historical Society and of the Manchester Historic Association. “Looking Back,” her popular newspaper column, appears weekly in the New Hampshire Union Leader. The column focuses on connecting intimate stories of New Hampshire people to the wider scope of American history. She

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is a volunteer program presenter for Olli (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at Granite State College in Manchester, a member of the Manchester Heritage Commission, and a volunteer docent for the Currier Museum of Art's Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Zimmerman House. Aurore is also the author of the book "The Amoskeag Manufacturing Company – A History of Enterprise on the Merrimack River," published by History Press in 2015.

**Kelly Galanis** is The Red-Headed Diva – a professional socializer, creator of confidence, and speaker and educator of positivity. Highly in tune with premonition, sensation, and higher power, she has turned to reading tarot and helping guide others down their chosen path. By day, she is a higher education administrator and social media diva. She has been with her brilliant Mensa husband, Tom, for nearly 20 years.

**Tom Galanis** is a visionary technologist who thrives on leading through education. He is an IT project management professional and adjunct professor by day and curious thinker, soul-searcher, and gentleman by night. Tom enjoys studying tarot through various contemporary style readings, and always appreciates developing his skill as he helps others guide others down their paths. He is married to his diva wife, Kelly, where they've shared their happy ever after for nearly 20 years.

**Paula Grey** is a member of Rhode Island Mensa and the author of A History of Travel in 50 Vehicles, part of Tilbury House Publisher's History in 50 Series. She says her intellectual curiosity and love of trivia made researching the book fun and interesting. A freelance writer and editor, Paula lives in Wakefield, Rhode Island and enjoys traveling by land, sea, or air whenever she gets the opportunity.

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**Dennis Higbee**, who has been a Mensan for over 15 years, has never worked for Intercity Rail, nor has he gone camelspotting, expected the Spanish Inquisition, or put up apartment blocks using the power of hypnosis in his home city of Cambridge, MA. He will, however, answer to Bruce if it will make things less confusing has been known to moonlight with Confuse a Cat, Ltd., to the disgust of the mighty Missy Cat, who rules his world. His lovely wife and fellow Mensan, Liz Modesitt, is not the Janet to his El Mystico, but does fill his life with joy.

**Don Jacobs:** Taylor Swift fans will be pleased to know that Don was the dance consultant for her music video, Blank Space. Don has also been performing for many years now. His credits include performances on A & E, PBS, QVC and AMC. He has also performed in the grand ballrooms of the Waldorf Astoria, Lincoln Center and The Rainbow Room. As an independent instructor, Don been teaching both private individual and group classes locally as well as for many years on cruise ships and at conventions.

**Timmy King** recently started working on winning his second Nobel Prize (having given up all hope of ever winning his first). This is your opportunity to meet the man who Time magazine and the New York Times once called “a subscriber”. He has an uncanny knack for reading things on the Internet and repeating them to anybody willing to listen. Come see for yourself what other Mensans have described as “almost believable”, and “not a complete waste of time”. This will be your last chance to hear him speak until the next RG. Don’t miss this golden opportunity!

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**Laurie Levesque** is a part-time artist living in the Exeter, NH area, whose avocation is creating landscapes that celebrate simple beauty. She primarily paints en plein air at locations throughout NH, MA, and Maine. Though she prefers soft pastel on paper, a number of her landscapes, seascapes, urban scenes and abstract works were created with watercolor, ink, acrylic, oil or mixed media. She participates in wet paint and charity auctions in the region and is a member of NHPleinAir, the Pastel Society of NH, and the Seacoast Art Association. Website: <http://laurielevesque.com/>

**Liz Modesitt** has been an active member of Mensa for over ten years, first in the New Hampshire chapter and now in Boston Mensa. Currently she is a Member-at-Large for Boston Mensa. She enjoys spending time with her son Drew and other family members, doing arts'n'crafts, baking, watching NFL football, and being a social butterfly. Liz lives in Cambridge, MA with her husband Dennis Higbee (also of Boston Mensa) and Missy-cat.

**Rob Salkin** grew up in NYC and lives in New York's Capital District. He's a single mid-30s atheist with a Jewish mother who desperately wants grandchildren yesterday. Alas, Rob is better at traveling, collecting scotch, and enabling fun than making his mother happy. He used to be involved with Mensa leadership. Now Rob only volunteers for the fun stuff and thanks everyone else for doing the hard work.

**Dan Szczesny** is a long time writer and journalist living in Manchester, N.H. He's written several books of fiction, narrative non-fiction and poetry, including *The Nepal Chronicles*, an account of his marriage in Kathmandu and honeymoon journey to Everest Base Camp. That book was the recipient of the 2016 New Hampshire State Library Literary



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Award for Outstanding Work of Non-Fiction. Dan is also a 2017 Ernest Hemingway Foundation finalist for short fiction. His newest book on the history and culture of Mount Washington, titled *The White Mountain*, will be available in June 2018. His presentation is based on excerpts from the upcoming book. For more information on Dan or his books see [www.danszczyzny.com](http://www.danszczyzny.com).

**Anna Woolf** is a potter of both functional and sculptural clay-work. The nature of my work varies from time to time, but it almost always involves a connection to the ocean. Inspired by blues, greens and cream colors of the shore, or my curiosity about creatures lurking just under the surface; my work is often overtaken by the mysterious creatures of the sea. Much of my work begins life as a small white mound of clay. Before I can finish most pieces, there comes a curious moment when little barnacles or tentacles move in and make themselves comfortable homes. I guess that's what I get for living so close to the ocean. I usually decide to let them stay, because really, what choice do I have?"

**Bill Zigo**, aka Ziggy, is a member of Mid-Hudson Mensa, the games room co-chair, and the national SIGHT coordinator. When he's not doing these, he is appearing as a central tunnel support on the new Victoria line.



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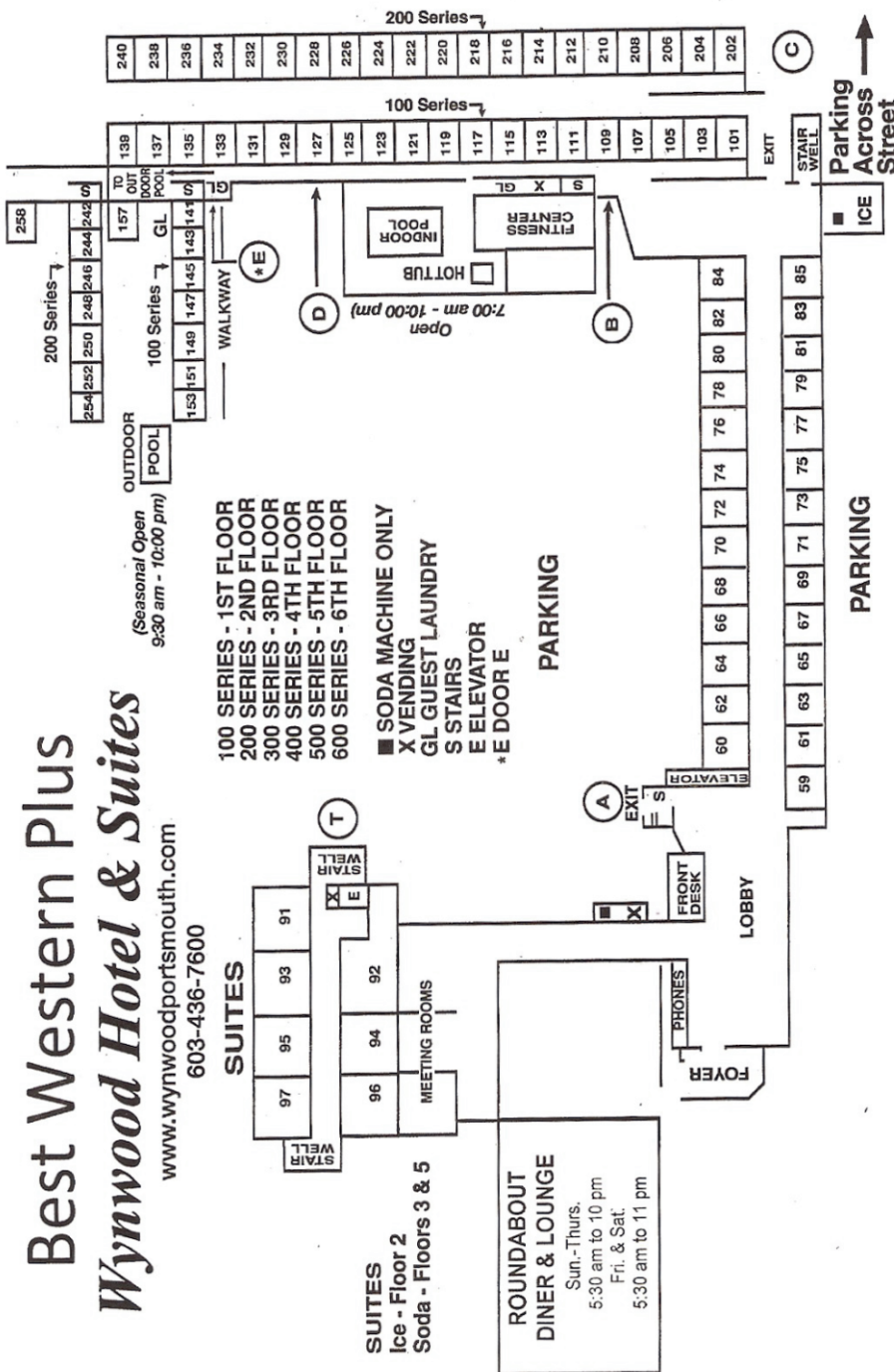
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| RG Chair .....             | Deb Stone                       |
| Programming Chair .....    | Holly Green                     |
| Registrar .....            | Deb Stone                       |
| Assistant Registrar .....  | Merrill Loechner                |
| Hospitality Chair .....    | Elizabeth Becker                |
| Loc Sec .....              | Richard Conde                   |
| Craft Chair .....          | Liz Modesitt                    |
| Entertainment Chair .....  | Richard Schwartz                |
| Bar Tender .....           | JoAnn Walter                    |
| Treasurer .....            | Sue Barnes                      |
| Icemeister .....           | Jim Barnes                      |
| Movie Chair .....          | Richard Conde                   |
| Games Chair.....           | Bill Zigo and Tom Schnorrenberg |
| Beer Guru .....            | John Lewicke                    |
| Program Guide Editor ..... | Cathy Segedy                    |
| Technical Expert .....     | Lisa Maxwell                    |

# First Floor

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Room

|   |                      |                      |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Entertainment &<br>Speakers<br>(Cedar)  | Speakers<br>(Badger) | Games<br>(Appledore) |
| Hospitality<br>The Mensa Store, Food and Drink, Registration,<br>Information Boards, etc. |                      |                      |

# Second Floor

|                                  |                    |                            |                                      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 297<br>Adult Craft<br>Room       | 295<br>Tournaments | 293<br>Meet -and-<br>Greet | 291<br>Hospitality<br>Prep           |
|                                  |                    |                            |                                      |
| 296<br>Special<br>Events<br>Room | 294<br>Movie Room  | 292<br>Speaker<br>Room     | Elevator,<br>Vending, and<br>Storage |