



**Blizzard At The
End Of The Universe
NH MENSA RG 2016**

New Hampshire Mensa's
Granite Gathering

12th - 14th February 2016

Best Western Plus
Wynwood Hotel & Suites

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Tips For an Enjoyable RG

The Music Pub: Our Music Pub 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. ***Children attending pool party must be accompanied by an adult.***

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.

Parents and Children: Please, no unaccompanied children under 12 in public areas after 10:00 p.m. Please make certain your children are supervised in the Kids' Room, as daycare service is **not** provided by the RG or by the hotel. Parents are requested to supervise activities & crafts, and to staff the room.

Schedule Authenticity: Our schedule is current as of 2/1/2016, 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, Cutty, Boardroom

Games are in Appledore

Many speakers are in Badger

The Music Pub is in Cutty

Hospitality is outside Appledore and Badger

Fox Imaging - The Mensa Store is outside Cutty

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

The Kids' Room is 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 26th RG with you!

Friday

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

6:00 pm Dinner: (Hospitality)

Comfort food is just what the weather orders so pasta with your choice of sauce: red, white, or cheese, salad, and homemade bread. Just what is needed to get you in the mood for a party. Yes there are vegetarian options as well as Paleo come check out the spread.

7:00 pm Kids' Room opens after dinner (Room 296)

7:00 pm - 8pm Paper Snow Flakes (Kids Room 296)

We will start the RG with making Paper snow flakes- fold paper, cut out, snow flakes to make our own blizzard.

7:00 pm Film: "Snowpiercer" (Movie Room 294)

(2013, R, 2hr 6min)

Earth is frozen solid. The last surviving humans ride the earth in a train named 'Snowpiercer', and the various social classes, divided by train cars, fall into conflict.

8:00 pm Friday Coffee House

Will be serving coffee with lots of choices of flavoring. Come get your favorite treat sit and enjoy with Music and lots of good conversations

8:00 pm Baby Boomers Meet & Greet (Room 293)

8:30 pm Ice cream (Cutty)

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

9:00 pm Trivia Pub (Cutty)

9:00 pm - Bar opens

JoAnn W. will be serving us at the bar this year come welcome her

9:00 pm Poker with Deb (Conference Room)

9:30 pm Film: "Everest" (Movie Room 294)

(2015, PG13, 2hr 1min)

The dramatized story of the 1996 storm that trapped two climbing groups on the top of Mt Everest.

10:00 pm Werewolves of Ziggy Hollow (Badger)

10:00 pm Kids' Room closes for the night.

11:00 pm - Gen X & Y Meet & Greet (Room 293)

11:00 pm Shrimp and champagne (Hospitality).

We kick off the weekend with shrimp and champagne.

11:00 pm Bar closes for the night.

11:30 pm Movie Room closes for the night.

Saturday

7 am Continental Breakfast (Hospitality).

8 am Kids' Room (Room 296) opens again.

8 am Morning Movie Kids' Room (Room 296)

Come eat breakfast and watch a movie with us in the kids' room we will be watching "Happy Feet".

8:00 am Runners meet up w/ John Lewicke (Room 293)

8:00 am Breakfast

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

8:30 pm Film: "Never Cry Wolf" (Movie Room 294)

(1983, PG, 1hr 45m)

The story of Farley Mowat, a Canadian researcher living alone in the Arctic, studying the effect of wolves on the Caribou population, and finding clever experiments to prove the wolves are eating primarily... mice.

9:00 am Adult Craft Room Opens (297)

9:00am, Coloring for Adults (Room 297)

(Liz Modesitt)

Start your morning off with some coloring that's not kiddy stuff! There will be complicated geometric patterns, Dr. Who coloring pages, and other fun patterns and pages.

10:00 am - Testing (Room 295)

Invite your non-Mensan friends to test!

10:00 am - Breakfast is over

10:00am to 12:00pm, Cross-stitch & Needlecraft Open Circle (Room 297)

(multiple)

Liz Modesitt learned how to cross-stitch and embroider before she was in double digits, courtesy of her Swedish grandmother. Come join her and possibly additional experts for an open stitch session. There will be materials for those who want to learn how to cross-stitch, or if you have a project in-progress bring it along to work on. No unaccompanied children, please.

10:00 am Fish, Trees, Sheep and Factories: Environmental Change in NH speaker: Jeffrey Bolster (Badger)

“Fish, Trees, Sheep and Factories” is an illustrated environmental history talk of the greater Piscataqua region – Seacoast NH – from the moment of contact between English and Natives until the present. The talk lets listeners better understand why the region looks as it does today, and how it has looked before. At different times, of course, our area has been deeply forested, clear-cut, or grown back, but the “forest” we have today does not look anything like that of the 16th or 17th centuries. At times there were many more sheep than people in southern NH. But few folks today know why the sheep disappeared about the same time that the big brick factories appeared. This lecture explains it all.

10:00 am How to Fire a Volunteer (Speaker Room 292)

Mensa is a volunteer organization, but you don't always get the right volunteers for the right job, and letting them go can sometimes be a sensitive issue. This presentation may help you deal with some of the issues.

10:30 am Ice Age: The Meltdown (Movie Room 294)

(2006, PG, 1hr 31m)

The gang from Ice Age meet up again, this time involving a huge impending melt of the glaciers, and Wally Mammoth finds a female mammoth.

11:00 am Home Made Snow (Kids' Room 296)

We will do a kitchen science experiment to make Home made snow- come make snow inside that wouldn't melt away on you, for hours of fun.

11:00 am Spelling Bee (Cutty)

Like spelling? Like snark? You'll find plenty of both at this year's Spelling Bee. Once again, Dennis Higbee and his trusty copy of Merriam-Webster's dictionary will offer heated competition and mild abuse for dedicated spellers. So challenge yourself (and Dennis if you think he made a mistake with your word), but remember the dictionary is the final authority.

11:00 am Tchipakkan: Intro to Runes (Badger)

Runes are a system, now associated with divination; however it has been more often used for writing and magick. We will cover the history of the runes, the Elder & younger Futharcs, and Anglo-Frisian Futhorc, as well as the basics of the symbolism and how they were, and are used, including divination.

12:00 pm: Lunch (Hospitality, Cutty, 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 as well as Paleo come check out the spread.

12:00 pm Minions (Movie Room 294)

(2015, PG, 1h 31m)

In a prequel to Despicable Me, the yellow creatures known as minions go through history looking for bosses to serve, winding up in the late 1960s in a plot to capture the Queen's crown. A slapstick treat.

1:00 pm Eric Hoffman: Super Storms (Badger)

Eric's main areas of expertise are in synoptic meteorology, weather analysis, and forecasting but he also teaches transportation meteorology and introductory courses. Blizzards and Nor'easters are categorized as synoptic scale systems and Eric has enjoyed studying the interaction of various scale of weather that come together to allow a large storm to form.

1:00 pm National Chair Meet & Greet (Room 293)

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Something Musical with Bob Oxford (Cutty)

Interested Mensans will be gathering for "Something Musical". The structure of this event will evolve and be determined at the time of the event based upon the desires of those participating (Hence the name "Something Musical"). A small PA, a couple of microphones and 5 octave Keyboard will be provided. Musicians are encouraged to bring musical instruments and vocal talent to the event.

1:30 - 2:30 pm Card Making (Adult Craft Room 297)

Join us in the Crafts Room for a session of making cards. There will be stickers, scrapbooking paper, all sorts of paper punches, markers & pens, and even envelopes to put your finished product in. Emphasis will be on snowflakes and Valentines, but feel free to make other types of cards, too.

2:00 pm Frank Byrne: Creating an Action Plan for Successful Aging (Badger)

Experts agree it's "time to talk" about aging issues when a parent reaches the age of 70 or an adult child turns 40. In this workshop, we will discuss this "40-70 Rule" and the importance of facing challenging topics head-on, such as finances, health issues, driving, and living options. We will also address basic home safety issues for aging parents.

2:00 pm Run Valdr (Speaker Room 292)

This is a system of energy healing using Runes and another set of symbols. This workshop introduces the symbols and what each of them is used for, and includes the attunement. RúnValdr has similarities to Reiki, but can be used for healing from migraines to ADD, making magickal objects, astral travel, channeling energies, and more. You will be able to use this technique immediately. (class limit 8)

2:00pm "Encounters At The End Of The World" (Movie Room 294)

(2007, G, 1hr 39m)

A Werner Herzog documentary about the many quirky personalities who work at McMurdo Station (American), Antarctica.

2:00 - 5:00 Kids' Pool Party

Adult required for attendance, Here is a time to get wet and play with your friends with water guns and Noodles- must have an adult to attend

2:00 pm RVC Meet & Greet (Room 293)

2:30pm, Intro to Calligraphy (Adult Craft Room 297) (Alexandra Hickson Corwin)

Many local members of Mensa have seen the beautiful calligraphy work done by Alexandra that she kindly shares. Come learn about the basics of this art form from an experienced craftsperson!

3:00 pm: Snack - Hot chocolate and Cookies (Hospitality)

Hot Chocolate and cookies is always a favorite snowy day treat

3:00 pm Poker Tournament (Conference Room)

3:00 pm Tom Laue: New Instruments for New Science (Badger)

In most biological systems, the distance between macromolecules is on the same order of magnitude as the size of the macromolecules. At these distances the chemical activities of the macromolecules will be influenced by their through-space interactions comprising their electrostatics and their solvation shells. The proximity energy framework is a useful tool for understanding and predicting the behavior of mixtures of macromolecules at high concentrations, thus overcoming fundamental limitations in "molecular crowding" models. One prediction of the proximity energy framework is that high concentration mixtures, such as the cell cytosol, will not produce a random distribution of molecules, but that some order will be present. This order may result in interesting behaviors. In order to understand the workings of complex, concentrated solutions, new instruments needed to be developed. The instruments will be described, and some of the results obtained with them provided.

4:00 pm Wind Power – Is it green? (Badger) (Lisa Linowes and Lori Lerner)

Industrial wind considerations (Environmental: Construction requirements; Wildlife), Societal (Community response, Noise, Shadow Flicker, Private property), Economic (Taxpayer, Ratepayer, Regional electric grid) NOTE: may be continued at 5pm in Tournament Room 295.

4:00 pm Teen Meet & Greet (Room 293)

4:00 pm, "Antarctica: A Year On The Ice", (Movie Room 294)

(2013, PG, 1hr 31m)

A documentary on spending a full year in a research station in Antarctica, including the long, very cold nights.

4 pm Dance lesson for Dancing Impaired Mensans (Cutty) (Don Jacobs)

So you think you can't dance. Well you'll be eating your words (and your shoes) by the end of this lesson. Ask anyone who's been in any of Don's dance classes at gatherings (23 years and still going strong). You'll learn to do cool stuff and stop shaking in your shoes. His secret method makes it incredibly easy and lots of fun. So throw caution to the wind and come to the class. Once you learn the secret you'll always feel comfortable and relaxed on the dance floor.

4:00 pm to 5:30pm, 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 10 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.

4:00 - 6:00 pm, Scotch Tasting (Speaker Room 292) (Glenn Della-Monica,)

Over the course of two hours or more, participants will enjoy quite a number of brands, from mellow to peaty. The tasting is accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation containing information on whisky in general and the Scotches in the tasting in particular. Tasting notes and flavor profiles of the different regions of Scotland will be featured. The presentation is free, but is limited to about 15 tasters, who have to be 21 or older. Non-drinkers are welcome to watch. Come share a wee dram and learn about this tasty golden liquid.

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)

Friday			
	Badger	Cutty	Hospitality
04:00 PM	RG OPENS!!! yay!		Snacks
05:00 PM			
06:00 PM			Dinner
07:00 PM			
08:00 PM		Ice Cream	
09:00 PM		Trivia Pub	Bar Opens
10:00 PM	Werewolves		Shrimp&Champagne
11:00 PM			Bar Closes
12:00 AM			

Friday Continued...			
	Movies - 294	Kids' -296	M & G 293
04:00 PM			
05:00 PM			
06:00 PM			
07:00 PM	Snowpiercer	Snow Flakes	
08:00 PM			Baby Boomers
09:00 PM			
10:00 PM	Everest	Closed	
11:00 PM			
	Movie Room Closed		GenX & GenY
12:00 AM	Note: Not all Rooms or Activities Shown		
01:00 AM			

Saturday				
	Badger	Cutty	Speaker Room 292	Crafts 297
07:00 AM				
08:00 AM				
08:30 AM				
09:00 AM				
09:30 AM				Coloring for Adults
10:00 AM	Fish, Trees, Sheep & ...		How to Fire a Volunteer	Crossstitch & NeedleCraft
10:30 AM				Open Circle
11:00 AM	Intro to Runes	Spelling Bee		
11:30 AM				
12:00 PM				
12:30 PM				
01:00 PM	Super Storms	Music with Bob Oxford		
01:30 PM				Card Making
02:00 PM	Caring for your Parents		Run Valdr	Intro to Calligraphy
02:30 PM				
03:00 PM	New Instruments..			
03:30 PM				
04:00 PM	Wind Power - Is it Green?	Dance Lesson	Scotch Tasting	Paint & Sip
04:30 PM				
05:00 PM				
05:30 PM	Room Change	Room Change		Closes
06:00 PM				
06:30 PM	Dinner	Dinner		
07:00 PM				
07:30 PM				
08:00 PM				
08:30 PM				
09:00 PM				
09:30 PM				
10:00 PM	Wearwolves	King Chrome		
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 - 294	Kids' -296	M & G 293	Hospitality	
			Continental Breakfast	07:00 AM
Never Cry Wolf	Opens Morning Movie "Happy Feet"	Runners	Omelets	08:00 AM
				08:30 AM
		Breakfast is over	09:00 AM	
			09:30 AM	
Ice Age: The Meltdown	HomeMade Snow	Teen		10:00 AM
				10:30 AM
Minions		National Chair	Lunch	11:00 AM
				11:30 AM
				12:00 PM
Encounters at the end of the world	Pool Party	RVC	Hot Chocolate	12:30 PM
				01:00 PM
		Teen		01:30 PM
				02:00 PM
Antartica: A Year on the Ice				02:30 PM
			03:00 PM	
March of the Penguins				03:30 PM
			04:00 PM	
			04:30 PM	
The Walk	Snow Globe			05:00 PM
			05:30 PM	
			06:00 PM	
Closes			Dinner	06:30 PM
				07:00 PM
				07:30 PM
Trainwreck			Bar opens	08:00 PM
				08:30 PM
			Desserts	09:00 PM
				09:30 PM
Closes	GenX & GenY		Bar Closes	10:00 PM
				10:30 PM
Note: Not all Rooms or Activities Shown				11:00 PM
				11:30 PM
				12:00 AM
				12:30 AM
				01:00 AM

Sunday			
	Hospitality	Badger	Kids' -296
07:00 AM	Continental Breakfast		
08:00 AM	Brunch		Good-Byes!
09:00 AM			
10:00 AM			Closing Ceremony
11:00 AM			Closed
12:00 PM	All Food Gone	Business Mtng	
01:00 PM	RG is Over - See you Next Year!		

If you are staying in Portsmouth an extra day and are looking for something to do Sunday night....

Touché Taps Presents: Soul Surgery

Two Souls become aware that they are stuck in the mundane metronome of everyday life. They had lost their color and spark; they had been broken. By listening to a mysterious Voice, each is given the opportunity to make themselves whole.

Join us this Valentines Day on a whimsical and romantic journey of tap dance, original and live music, body percussion, poetry and contemporary dance as we discover how to renew ourselves at Touché Taps' Soul Surgery.

ABOUT TOUCHÉ TAPS:

Touché Taps was established in July 2014 by Boston based tap dancer Shaina Schwartz (seen in Seacoast Rep's Avenue Q) to be an educational tap dance company for creative teens and adults. Their motto is: Teach Peace. Teach Love. Teach TAP.

Tickets \$12 General Admission, available at seacoastrep.org or through the Seacoast Rep Box Office at 603-433-4472.

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

5:00 pm Wind Power (Continued) (Tournaments Room 295)

If it needs more time, the Wind Power discussion will move to the Tournaments room so Badger can be changed over for dinner.

5:30 pm Adult Craft Room Closes

5:30pm, "March of the Penguins", (Movie Room 294)

(2005, G, 1hr 20m)

The Oscar-winning documentary on the breeding season of the emperor penguins in Antarctica, over the winter.

6:30pm Dinner (Hospitality/Badger/Cutty)

Luau - Let's change gears to warm weather. Come dressed in your favorite Hawian shirt and enjoy the meal from the Grand Buffet.

7:00pm, "The Walk", (Movie Room 294)

(2015, PG, 2hr 3m)

Joseph Gordon-Levitt plays Philippe Petit in this story of the daring 1974 tightrope walk between the not-quite-finished World Trade Center towers, 1250 feet above lower Manhattan. From director Robert Zemeckis (Forrest Gump, Back to the Future). <not in 3D.>

8:00 pm Snow Globes (Kids' Room 296)

We will make Snow globes-come make our own mini blizzard in a jar to take home and remember all the fun you had with us

9:00 pm More Poker (Conference Room)

9:00 pm Kids' Room closes

9:00pm-11:00pm Bar is open (Hospitality)

JoAnn W. will be serving us at the bar this year come welcome her

9:00 pm King Chrome (Cutty)

Dance, dance, dance to the rockabilly sounds of King Chrome, *the* roots rock trio from NH's Lakes Region! Thrill to their mix of music hearkening from rock n' roll's early days! Hear Rock n' Roll from the days of Buddy Holly, Jerry Lee Lewis, Fats Domino, Elvis, Bo Diddley, and Johnny Cash (yes, he rockabilled, too) through to the music of modern rockabilly like Stray Cats, Big Voodoo Daddy, ZZ Top, and Eric Clapton. Bassist Shawn Chase, drummer Rob Court, and lead guitar Dennis Allard will keep it hopping!

9:30 pm "Trainwreck", (Movie Room 294)

(2015, R, 2hr 5m)

Amy Schumer plays Amy, a human trainwreck in terms of her personal life, and the turmoil she experiences at breaking her #1 personal rule: Don't Fall In Love. Directed by Judd Apatow.

10:00pm: Chocolate Desserts and More!

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.

10:00 pm Werewolves of Ziggy Hollow (Badger)

10:00 pm GenX/GenY Meet & Greet (Room 293)

11:45 pm Movie Room closes.

Sunday

7:00 am Continental Breakfast (Hospitality).

8:00 am Brunch (Hospitality)

Sunday Brunch starts at 7am with lots of breakfast treats and slowly changes over to lunch.

8:00 am Kids' Room Opens

8:00 am Kids' Room Goodbye

Come say goodbye to your friends and pick up anything you may have left behind.

10:00 am Closing Ceremony and Awards (Badger)

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

10:00 am Meet & Greet Room Room Closes

10:00 am Speaker Room Closes

11:00 am Kids' Room Closes

12:00 pm noon All the food is gone.

12:00 pm noon Hospitality Clean-Up.

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

12:00 pm NH Mensa Business Meeting (Badger)

On the agenda is the chapter elections. The nominations will be announced and unopposed candidates will be declared elected.

1:00 pm RG CLOSSES

Many Thanks to Our Presenters!

Professor Jeff Bolster, of the UNH History Department, is a prize-winning historian who delights in sharing his research with a variety of audiences. His most recent book, ***The Mortal Sea: Fishing the Atlantic in the Age of Sail*** (Harvard University Press, 2012) won the Bancroft Prize, one of American History's most prestigious awards. "Fish, Trees, Sheep and Factories: Environmental Change in New Hampshire" is drawn from the volume he edited, ***Cross-Grained and Wily Waters: A Guide to the Piscataqua Maritime Region***. As a young man Bolster was a professional mariner for ten years, and he is still licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard as a Master Mariner.

Frank Byrne holds a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology and owns and operates Home Instead Senior Care of Central New Hampshire with his wife, Lisa. He is a member of the New Hampshire Coalition of Caring and is a passionate advocate for the family Caregiver (having also been one).

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 recently hosted very well received tastings at his fish and game club.

Alexandra Hickson Corwin went to the Rhode Island School of Design, where she took lettering & calligraphy as part of the Freshman Foundation program. She really got into it years later when she developed a home business doing calligraphy and signs. It transitioned to a hobby when she switched careers to nursing. Now that she is retired, Alexandra considers calligraphy a ministry of sorts.

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Dennis Higbee has been a member of Boston Mensa for more than 10 years. He enjoys beer, games (including Pub Trivia), karaoke, good conversation and beer. ("You said beer twice." "I like beer.")

Eric Hoffman grew up in western New York and became interested in meteorology after the Blizzard of '77 in Buffalo. He has earned a B.S. degree in Meteorology from Cornell University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Atmospheric Science from the University at Albany, State University of New York. Before graduate school, Eric worked as an aviation forecaster for the National Weather Service at the National Meteorological Center in Washington DC. In 2001, Eric and his family moved to Plymouth when Eric became a professor in the Meteorology Program at Plymouth State University. Outside of work, Eric enjoys reading (some), being active outdoors, golf, and has recently enjoyed learning and competing in the sport of curling.

Don Jacobs - *Twenty-five years ago wild horses could not have dragged me onto a dance floor. I know how gripping the fear can be!* Since then I've performed at Lincoln Center, The Rainbow Room, the grand ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria just to name a few. I've also been seen on A&E, PBS, AMC and strangely enough QVC. I've been written up in New York Magazine and have appeared in the New York Times, Daily News and was mentioned in Soap Opera Weekly. I've also had the distinct honor of performing with Frank Sinatra's orchestra and was recently a dance consultant for a very famous recording artist's music video. Not too shabby for someone who was too scared to even stand up on a dance floor.

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Tom Laue is the Carpenter Professor of Molecular, Cellular and Biomedical Sciences, and professor of Material Sciences at the University of New Hampshire. He is the Director of the Center to Advance Molecular Interaction Science and founder of the Biomolecular Interaction Technologies Center.

He received his bachelor's degree in Natural Sciences from the Johns Hopkins University in 1971 and his Ph.D. in Biophysics and Biochemistry from the University of Connecticut in 1981. His post-doctoral studies were conducted at the University of Oklahoma. Between 1969 and 1975, he worked as a technician in the deep space program of NASA.

He joined the University of New Hampshire in 1984 as an Assistant Professor, and teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in biochemistry and biophysics. His research focuses on the development of instrumentation and methods that use the fundamental properties of mass and charge for characterizing macromolecular interactions. These instruments provide unique insights into these interactions, and have resulted in extensive collaborations with both academic and industrial labs. Tom has over 120 publications, serves on several editorial boards, and gives over one hundred lectures, seminars and workshops a year.

Lori Lerner, a resident of Bridgewater NH, is the President of NHWindWatch. NHWindWatch is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing education and information about industrial wind power projects in New Hampshire. NHWW was formed in December of 2012, in response to concerns related to many new proposed industrial wind facilities in the Mt Cardigan/Newfound Lake area.

Ms. Lerner has been involved with educating the general public as well as local, state and federal representatives regarding the economic, environmental and societal considerations of

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industrial wind. Ms. Lerner has worked with NH legislators to adopt a series of legislative bills, resulting in the reform of the state's Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) membership and siting regulations.

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 NHPlenAir, the Pastel Society of NH, and the Seacoast Art Association. Website: <http://laurielevesque.com/>

Ms. Lisa Linowes has served as the executive director of the WindAction Group (www.windaction.org) since its founding in 2006. Windaction is a national advocacy group focused on the impacts of and policies related to wind energy development. As publisher and editor of the organization's website, Ms. Linowes tracks news and research pertaining to industrial wind, and publishes regularly on the issue. Ms. Linowes has testified before Congress on renewable energy tax policy and frequently debates wind energy issues at venues across the United States including the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), the Environmental Markets Association and the Energy Bar Association. Ms. Linowes is a resident of Lyman, New Hampshire.

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Liz Modesitt Liz has been an active member of Mensa for ten years, first in the New Hampshire chapter and now in 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. Currently Liz lives in Cambridge, MA with her husband Dennis Higbee (also of Boston Mensa) and Missy-cat.

Tchipakkan is an artist, writer, healer, and eclectic pagan-heathen-rustic. Openly pagan since the 60s, she's currently living in NH with 3 adult children- all artists and writers, and a varying assortment of animals- friends and livestock. On weekends Tchipakkan teaches at SCA, pagan, SF and other conferences & festivals.

Bill Zigo, aka Ziggy, joined Mensa in 1988 and has been a Life Member for about half that time. Besides being a mainstay at RGs in the Northeast (most often in the games room), he is also a past chapter president, NL editor, RG chair, and leadership workshop organizer/speaker. Bill is also currently the Assistant RVC of Region 1 for RVC Lisa Maxwell.

RG Meal Schedule

Friday 4pm: Hospitality Opens with snacks and beverages

Friday 6 pm: Dinner

Comfort food is just what the weather orders so pasta with your choice of sauce Red white or cheese, salad, and homemade bread just what is need to get you in the mood for a party. Yes there are vegetarian options as well as Paleo come check out the spread.

Friday 8:00 pm: Coffee House

We will be serving coffee with lots of choices of flavoring. Come get your favorite treat, sit and enjoy with Music and lots of good conversations

Friday 8:30pm: We will be serving Ice cream sundaes with all the fixings. Come get your favorite treat, sit and enjoy with Music and lots of good conversations

Friday 11pm: 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 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 as well as Paleo. Come check out the spread.

Saturday 3 pm: Hot Chocolate and cookies

Hot Chocolate and cookies is always a favorite snowy day treat

Saturday 6:30pm: Dinner

Luau let change gears to warm weather come dress in your favorite Hawian shirt and enjoy the meal from the Grand Buffet

Saturday at 10pm: 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 a take a piece of your favorite.

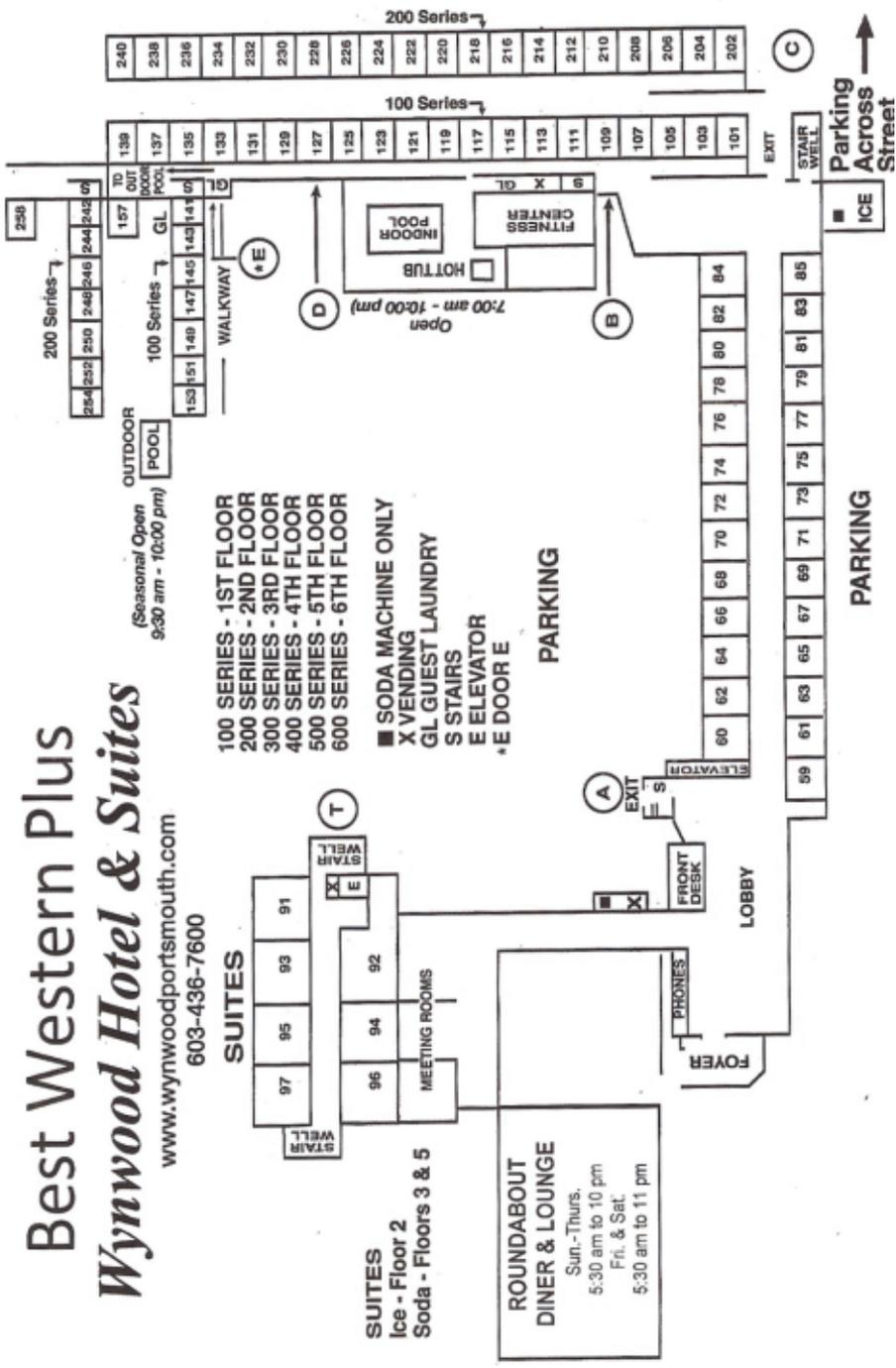
Sunday 7 am: Farewell Brunch

with lots of breakfast treats and slowly changes over to lunch.

Sunday Noon NH Mensa Business Meeting with a special treat.

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RG Chair	Mark Becker
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Music Chair	Richard Schwartz
Bar Tender	JoAnn Walter
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Icemeister	Jim Barnes
Movie Chair	Richard Conde
Games Chair.....	Bill Zigo and Tom Schnorrenberg
Beer Guru	Alex Edwards
Program Guide Editor	Cathy Segedy
Volunteer Extreme	Dennis Higbee
Hospitality Angels ...	Sue Barnes, Devin Starlanyl, Jen Johnson

First Floor

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Room

The Music Pub (Cutty)	Speakers (Badger)	Games (Appledore)
Hospitality The Mensa Store, Food and Drink, Registration, Information Boards, etc.		

Second Floor

297 Adult Craft Room	295 Tournaments	293 Meet -and- Greet	291 Hospitality Prep
296 Kids' Room	294 Movie Room	292 Speaker Room	Elevator, Vending, and Storage