



NHRG 2017
Around the World
(and back to the End of the Universe)

New Hampshire Mensa's
Granite Gathering

17th - 19th February 2017

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.

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 2/1/2017, 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
Some Speakers and The Music Pub are 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
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 27th RG with you!

Friday

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

4:30 - 5:30 pm Electronic Wind (Cutty)

Steve Winikoff joins us again to perform a variety of selections on his wind-powered MIDI controller. Steve will introduce you to a unique musical experience, combining a woodwind's phrasing and dynamics with the timbre of electronic tones.

5:30 - 7:00 pm Dinner Music (Cutty)

Come sit in the music room while eating. Rich Schwartz will provide a playlist of appetizing selections.

6:00 - 7:45 pm Film: "Casablanca" (Movie Room 294)

(1942, PG, 1h42m)

Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman.

Round up the usual suspects for this black & white classic (Best Picture 1943). Rick, an exiled American living in Nazi-occupied Casablanca, Morocco 1941, meets an old flame, whose husband is a Resistance leader trying to escape the occupation.

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

Soups and stew are great comfort food, especially if the weather is chilly when we arrive. We'll be serving salad, and homemade bread to go along with it. Just what is needed to get you in the mood for a party. Yes, there is a vegan option.

7:30 pm Sing Along With Bob (Cutty)

Sing along, or just listen and enjoy the music of our good friend Bob Oxford. Bob's repertoire covers such a wide variety of favorites that we just can't predict what you're going to hear, but we can predict that you'll have a great time! Bob is often joined by a special guest or two as well, making it an even better time.

8:00 pm Coffee (Cutty)

Sit back and enjoy some coffee while you listen to Bob and your fellow RGers sing.

8:00 - 9:30 Film: "Gravity" (Movie Room 294)

(2013, PG13, 1h31m)

Sandra Bullock, George Clooney. Two astronauts have only the time in one orbit (roughly 90 minutes) to escape a space disaster and return to Earth.

8:30 pm Ice Cream (Cutty)

We will be serving ice cream sundaes with all the fixings. Come have some, sit and enjoy with music and conversation.

9:00 pm Werewolves of Ziggy Hollow (Tournament Room 295)

Werewolves is a game of social deduction. Lycanthropy has come to the peaceful village of Ziggy Hollow. Each night, those affected secretly slaughter a villager, and each day the villagers try to lynch someone they believe is a werewolf using their wits and special powers. Rules will be taught, adults only please.

9:00 pm - Bar opens

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

10 - 11:30 pm "Planes, Trains, & Automobiles" (Room 294)

(1997, R<language>, 1h33m)

Steve Martin, John Candy, director John Hughes. A series of misadventures between two men trying to travel from NY to Chicago by Thanksgiving.

11:00 pm Shrimp and Champagne (Hospitality)

We kick off the weekend with shrimp and champagne.

11:00 pm Bar closes for the night.

11:35 pm Movie Room closes for the night.

Saturday

7:00 am Continental Breakfast (Hospitality)

8:00 - 10:00 am Breakfast

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

8:00 - 10:00 am How To Sell On eBay (Cutty)

Glenn Della-Monica

This is a brief overview of how to sell on eBay. The class will focus on setting up a seller account and a live demonstration of listing an item on eBay. Students will learn how to find the current eBay value of an item, how to price the item to sell it, the different formats for selling, and how to create a listing.

9:00 - 10:00 am Nepal: Marriage, Culture and Customs in the Highest Place on Earth (Badger)

Dan Szczesny

Come along on a multi-media journey with travel adventure writer Dan Szczesny to explore the history, culture, food and madness of Kathmandu. Dan was married in a traditional Nepali Wedding Ceremony in the ancient city and has returned several times, most recently six months after the devastating earthquakes of 2015. Join Dan for a inside look at the local life, beautiful city-scape and mystic customs of a city he calls his second home.

9:00 am Adult Craft Room Opens (297)

9:00 - 10:00 am Learn to Crochet (Adult Craft Room 297)

Elizabeth Becker

Here's your chance to learn how to crochet, from an expert craftsperson. All tools and equipment (hooks, yarn, etc.) will be supplied. Just bring yourself and a desire to learn this fiber art. Once you master the basics, you can create projects later such as scarves, blankets, and even sweaters.

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

Invite your non-Mensan friends to test!

9:30 - 11:30 am Film: "The Way" (Movie Room 294)

(2010, PG13, 2h3m)

Martin Sheen, director Emilio Estevez. A bereaved father (Sheen) hikes the Camino de Santiago ("Way of St. James"), a popular pilgrimage hike in Northern Spain, and encounters other hikers looking to refresh their contact with life.

10:00 am - Breakfast is over

10:00 am - 12:00 pm 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.

10:30 - 11:30 am A Trip to South Africa (Badger)

Robert Henry

In July 2015 I took a trip to South Africa for two reasons: one was to help establish a STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) camp for economically disadvantaged young women in South Africa. The second was to spend 5 days on a safari. This talk will focus on both topics.

**10:30 - 11:30 am Penguin Encounters Around the World!!
(Cutty)**

Dyan deNapoli

From the frigid Antarctic to the tropical Galapagos Islands, penguins are found throughout the Southern Hemisphere. Over the last 20 years, penguin expert (and Mensan) Dyan deNapoli has encountered millions of penguins first-hand around the globe - and she has put together a special presentation for today's RG featuring some of her most thrilling and awe-inspiring penguin experiences. From comical interactions with penguins she worked with at the New England Aquarium, to working as a rehabilitation manager during the record-breaking rescue of 40,000 penguins from an oil spill in South Africa, to her recent experience of sitting amidst nearly half a million nesting penguins in Antarctica, Dyan's vibrant photographs and videos bring the best of the penguin world to Portsmouth.

10:30 - 11:30 am Ask The Gemologist (Speaker Room 292)

Joe Haber

This presentation has three main topics:

1) Joe will give a brief discussion of "Practical Gemology." He will describe how just three (3) simple and inexpensive instruments, the Hand Loupe, the Dichroscope and the Chelsea Filter, can be used to identify approximately 95% of commonly encountered gems.

2) Joe will provide and explain three (3) handouts: Joe's Color Choices, Terminology and a Weight Conversion Chart.

3) Joe will open the floor for attendees to ask ANY question on Gems, Gemology, Jewelry and all related topics. If he can't answer immediately, he will research and provide the answer via e-mail.

11:00 am Spelling Bee (Tournament Games Room 295)

Dennis Higbee

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.

11:45 am - 1:30 pm Film: "Sing Street" (Movie Room 294)

(2016, PG13, 1h46m).

A Catholic High School boy in 1980s Dublin starts a band, initially just to impress a girl and shoot videos.

12:00 - 1:00 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 come check out the spread.

12:30 - 1:30 pm Autism/Asperger Support and The Lost Generation of the Spectrum (Speaker Room 292)

Rob Lagos, Wilma Wake, and Eric Endlich

Rob will talk about experiences and insight which he has gained in his nearly 10 years as facilitator of the Southern Maine Adults with Asperger's support group. He will talk about frequently-encountered issues, as well as availability of support out there.

Wilma will give a history of autism support and social issues of today, and will provide her own insight from her experiences working, as a social worker, with autistic children and adults.

Eric will present a book which he and Wilma are co-authoring, and assisted by Rob Lagos, titled (tentatively) Older Autistic Adults: The Lost Generation. It will feature results of a survey for those over 50 years old on the spectrum, incorporating responses from 145 respondents around the world.

The last 15 minutes will be question and answer.

12:30 - 1:30 pm Travel Hacks (Badger)

Lynette Hartwig

Did you know: new weight limits for carry-ons. The three things TSA is looking for in the scanners. Never sleep on airport floors if your plane is grounded. Bringing your own food. Traveling cold to hot, and hot to cold. Lost bags. Packing light. Making a JIC bag. Tricks to sleeping on a plane.

1:00 pm Poker Tournament (Boardroom)

1:00 pm Duplicate Codenames Tournament (Tournament Games Room 295)

Teams of 3 will compete heads-on with identical words and patterns. Experienced players preferred, but the game is easily learned.

1:30 - 2:30 pm Journey of Discovery: A Botanist on the Trail of Lewis & Clark (Cutty)

Janet Sullivan

As they made their way westward, the Corps of Discovery encountered plants and animals unknown to the worldwide scientific community. The botanical collections made by the explorers and their detailed journal entries have just been made available to the public. The speaker traveled the Lewis & Clark trail from St. Louis to Fort Clatsop, Oregon and her botanical travelogue weaves together images of the landscape and its plant species, monuments, and restored sites, and journal entries made by Lewis & Clark on their historic journey.

1:30 - 3:00 pm Needlecraft and Fiber Arts Open Circle (Adult Craft Room 297)

Allison Rainville

Come join your fellow needleworkers and fiber artists for an open crafts session. This means cross-stitch, embroidery, quilting, weaving, knitting, and crochet (as well as anything else in the genre not listed). Work on your projects in-progress, swap tips and tricks, and enjoy a shared love of the art.

1:45 - 3:30 pm Film: "Hunt for the Wilderpeople" (Movie Room 294)

(2016, PG13, 1h41m)

A rebellious kid and his foster uncle, wrongly accused, elude authority in the New Zealand hills.

2:00-3:00 pm Hot & Bothered by Climate Change (Badger)

Ayn Whytemare

How much do you really know about this phenomenon? Why do people feel so strongly about whether or not it is happening? Ayn Whytemare, an Environmental Science instructor at NHTI, will address any questions and present a lecture on the basic science behind it all. Additional resources will be provided for those who wish to explore further on their own. Bring your questions and concerns for a lively discussion of a pressing scientific issue!

2:00 - 3:00 pm My Life as a Robot (Speaker Room 292)

Timmy King

In this session we examine how one person's lifetime pursuit of logic and reason has defined their existence and affected their relationships with others. We will also talk about developments in artificial intelligence and it's goal of becoming more human.

2:00 - 4:00 pm Formal English Tea (Special Events Room 296)

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.

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

Hot Chocolate & cookies are always a favorite snowy day treat.

3:00 - 5:00 pm Pub Trivia (Cutty)

Hannah Werme will be your host for trivia, and Rich Schwartz will provide background music to help you and your team think of the answers! Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams.

3:00 - 4:00 pm Coloring for Fun (Adult Craft Room 297) (TBD)

Coloring is no longer just for kids! Stop in and unwind by combining markers & crayons with the pages provided. Choose from flowers & nature, complicated geometrics, superheros, and other fun designs.

3:30 - 4:30 pm The Art of Zen Travel (Badger)

Robert Robertson

This presentation is focused on travel and learning. Not so much learning about where to travel but rather how to travel and how to learn through travel. Alain de Bottom in his book the Art of Travel captured this idea by explaining: "If our lives are dominated by a search for happiness, then perhaps few activities reveal as much about the dynamics of this quest---in all its ardour and paradoxes---than our travels. They express, however inarticulately, an understanding of what life might be about, outside the constraints of work and struggle for survival. Yet rarely are they considered to present philosophical problems---that is, issues requiring thoughts beyond the practical. We are inundated with advice on where to travel to, but we hear little of why and how we should go, even though the art of travel seems naturally to sustain a number of questions neither so simple nor so trivial, and whose study might in modest ways contribute to an understanding of what the Greeks Philosophers beautifully termed eudaimonia, or 'human flourishing'." It will provide the opportunity for the audience to comprehend the central role of travel in national/international cross-cultural understanding, and to help people understand how travel can serve as a mechanism for cultural understanding and personal transformation. The goal is

Friday			
	Badger	Cutty	Hospitality
04:00 PM	RG OPENS!!!		Snacks
05:00 PM		Electronic Wind	
06:00 PM		Dinner Music	Dinner
07:00 PM		Sing Along	
08:00 PM		Ice Cream Sing Along	
09:00 PM			Bar Opens
10:00 PM			
11:00 PM			Bar Closes Shrimp&Champagne
12:00 AM			

Friday Continued...		
	Movies - 294	Tournament Games 295
04:00 PM		
05:00 PM		
06:00 PM	Casablanca	
07:00 PM		
08:00 PM	Gravity	
09:00 PM		
10:00 PM	Planes, Trains, and Automobiles	Werewolves
11:00 PM		
	Movie Room Closed	
12:00 AM	Note: Not all Rooms and/or Activities Shown	

Saturday				
	Badger	Cutty	Speaker Room 292	Adult Crafts 297
07:00 AM				
08:00 AM		How To Sell On eBay		
08:30 AM				
09:00 AM	Nepal			Learn to Crochet
09:30 AM				
10:00 AM				Cardmaking & Such
10:30 AM	South Africa	Penguin Encounters	Ask The Gemologist	
11:00 AM				
11:30 AM				
12:00 PM				
12:30 PM	Travel Hacks		Autism/ Asperger	
01:00 PM				
01:30 PM		Lewis & Clark		Needlecraft & Fiber Arts Open Circle
02:00 PM	Climate Change		My Life as a Robot	
02:30 PM				
03:00 PM		Pub Trivia		Adult Coloring
03:30 PM	Art of Zen Travel			Spirit Tasting
04:00 PM				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		Ron Hertz Piano		
08:30 PM				
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12:00 AM		Note: Not all Rooms or Activities Shown		
12:30 AM				
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Saturday				
Movies 294	Events (296) M&G (293)	Games 295	Hospitality	
			Continental Breakfast	07:00 AM
			Breakfast	08:00 AM
				08:30 AM
The Way	Testing (Room 296)			09:00 AM
			Breakfast is over	09:30 AM
				10:00 AM
				10:30 AM
		Spelling Bee		11:00 AM
Sing Street			Lunch	12:00 PM
				12:30 PM
		Duplicate Codena..		01:00 PM
				01:30 PM
Hunt for the Wilders- people	Formal English Tea (Room 296)			02:00 PM
				02:30 PM
			Hot Chocolate	03:00 PM
Chasing Ice	Ombudsman (293)			03:30 PM
	Meet AMC (Room 293)			04:00 PM
Meru				04:30 PM
				05:00 PM
				05:30 PM
				06:00 PM
			Dinner	06:30 PM
				07:00 PM
The Martian				07:30 PM
				08:00 PM
				08:30 PM
		Were- wolves	Bar opens	09:00 PM
				09:30 PM
Tracks			Desserts	10:00 PM
				10:30 PM
			Bar Closes	11:00 PM
Closes	Closes			11:30 PM
Note: Not all Rooms or Activities Shown				12:00 AM
				12:30 AM
				01:00 AM

RG Meal Schedule

Friday 4pm: Hospitality Opens with snacks and beverages

Friday 6 pm: Dinner

Soups and stew are great comfort food, especially if the weather is chilly when we arrive. We'll be serving salad, and homemade bread to go along with it. Just what is needed to get you in the mood for a party. Yes, there is a vegan option.

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

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. Come check out the spread.

Saturday 3 pm: Hot Chocolate and cookies

Hot Chocolate and cookies are always a favorite snowy day treat.

Saturday 6:30pm: Dinner

Dinner will be a Chinese buffet. There will be a variety of dishes to choose from.

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 take a piece of your favorite.

Sunday 8 am: Farewell Brunch

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

to help those in attendance see the vitality in themselves and to respect the power of reflection. What we learn together can affect eternity; there is no telling where the influence of our shared learning begins or ends.

3:30 - 4:45 pm Film: "Chasing Ice" (Movie Room 294)

(2012, PG13, 1h15m).

This documentary follows a photographer taking multi-year pictures of receding glaciers around the globe.

3:30 - 5:30 pm Spirit Tasting (Speaker Room 292)

Glenn Della-Monica

This year, a variety of spirits will be offered, including Scotch, rum, bourbon and the most delicious gin & tonic you have ever tasted! At least 13 different spirits will be in the tasting.

By drawing, two people will get a taste of Highland Park 18 year old Highland Single Malt Scotch (If you tossed this in the air, it would come down sunshine - goes for \$140 a bottle)

There may be a taste of something else, too, depending on the mood of the presenter!

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)

4:00 - 5:30 pm 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.

4:00 - 4:30 pm Meet the Ombudsman (Meet & Greet Room 293)

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

5:00 - 6:30 pm Film: "Meru" (Movie Room 294)

(2015, R <language>, 1h30m).

Documentary of three climbers on Mount Meru in the Himalayas, taking the "Shark's Fin" route to a peak above 20,000 feet.

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

5:30 pm Adult Craft Room Closes

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

Dinner will be a Chinese buffet. There will be a variety of dishes to choose from.

7:00 - 9:30 pm Film: "The Martian" (Movie Room 294)

(2015, PG13, 2h24m)

Matt Damon, director Ridley Scott. While evacuating Mars, an astronaut got separated from the rest of the crew and left for dead. His means to signal earth and survive until rescue: science.

8:00 - 11:00 pm Ron Hertz - Piano (Cutty)

Ron Hertz played for us at the AG in Boston a few years ago, and we're thrilled to have him back to entertain at our RG! Ron's repertoire covers jazz along with pop, standards, blues, ethnic music and classical, so you can expect a wide-ranging musical experience that is sure to include some of your old favorites and some that will be your new favorites.

9:00 pm Werewolves of Ziggy Hollow (Tournament Room 295)

Werewolves is a game of social deduction. Lycanthropy has come to the peaceful village of Ziggy Hollow. Each night, those affected secretly slaughter a villager, and each day the villagers try to lynch someone they believe is a werewolf using their wits and special powers. Rules will be taught, adults only please.

9:00 pm Bar is open (Hospitality)

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

9:30 - 11:30 pm Film: "Tracks" (Movie Room 294)

(2013, PG13, 1h52m)

Mia Wasikowska. A young woman crosses 1700 miles of Western Australian desert, alone with four camels. Based on the real life autobiography by Robyn Davidson.

10:00 pm: 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.

11:00 pm Bar closes

11:30 pm Movie Room closes.

Sunday

7:00 am Continental Breakfast (Hospitality).

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 Hospitality Clean-Up.

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

1:00 pm RG CLOSES

	Sunday	
	Hospitality	Badger
07:00 AM	Continental Breakfast	
08:00 AM	Brunch	
09:00 AM		
10:00 AM		Closing Ceremony
11:00 AM		
12:00 PM	All Food Gone	
01:00 PM	RG is Over - See you Next Year!	

Many Thanks to Our Presenters!

Elizabeth Becker, 20+ years of RG Hospitality, and this year I get to do something different. I learned to crochet when I was less than ten (and that was a while ago!) I have made everything from doll clothes to king size blankets. Tea has been an obsession for me for almost as many years.

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.

He has taught ebay at Community Colleges and Adult Ed programs for the last 12 years, and, until ebay ended their "ebay University" Education Specialist Program last year, he was the only Certified Business Consultant in New England.

Dyan deNapoli (AKA The Penguin Lady) is a penguin expert, TED speaker, and author of the award-winning book, THE GREAT PENGUIN RESCUE. A former Senior Penguin Aquarist at Boston's New England Aquarium, Dyan lectures internationally to raise awareness and funding to protect penguins, donating 20% of her proceeds to penguin conservation. She has been a sought out expert on radio and TV since 1995, including appearances on CNN and the BBC - and has been the guest lecturer on nature cruises to Antarctica and the Galapagos Islands. She just returned from a 3-week expedition to Antarctica, where she was one of 76 female scientists from around the globe selected for a leadership initiative called Homeward Bound. Dyan will return to Antarctica once again in February of 2018 as a lecturer for Lindblad/National Geographic. A four-times TEDx speaker,

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Dyan's inspiring talk about saving 40,000 penguins from the Treasure oil spill in South Africa can be viewed on www.TED.com.

Eric Endlich, Ph.D., is a psychologist in private practice in Needham, MA. He has an adult autistic son, co-leads the New to Asperger Syndrome group at the Asperger/Autism Network (AANE), and presented at the 2016 Southern Maine Autistic Conference. He is co-authoring, with Wilma Wake, the book, *Older Autistic Adults: The Lost Generation*, featured in the presentation.

Joseph Haber is a Graduate Gemologist from the Gemological Institute of America (GIA). He is the president of Middle Earth Treasures, a business that sells gems, jewelry and crystals. Joe has been intimately involved in the gem and jewelry trade for over 40 years. Joe has taught and assisted in teaching gem identification classes. He is a passionate collector of minerals.

Lynnette Hartwig is a non-fiction author, traveler, and consulting engineer. Her son is an Optical Engineer in Nashua working on space lasers. Her books "Flying for First Timers" "Briefcase Travel: Packing Light for Business Trips" and "Italy for First Timers" are available on Amazon and at the author's table in hospitality on Saturday. If you've seen her presentation on hiring contractors and tradesmen, the book "Contractor Heaven" is also available.

Robert Henry is an Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, focusing on Structural Engineering and Engineering Education. He was the Associate Dean of CEPS from 2001-2012. He received his PhD in 1980 from the University of Pennsylvania.

Many Thanks to Our Presenters!

Dennis Higbee has been a member of Boston Mensa for more than 10 years. Currently he is on the ExComm as a Member-At-Large. He enjoys beer, games (including Pub Trivia), karaoke, good conversation and beer. ("You said beer twice." "I like beer.")

Timmy King: There is little you can say about Timmy King that hasn't already been said in a multitude of restraining orders. Perhaps Pope Francis said it best, "Timmy is a cross between Oscar Wilde and Neil Armstrong. Though he lacks in social skills and common sense, he more than makes up for it in his unfounded belief in his own self worth. Watching his presentations is like reading the combined works of an infinite number of monkeys typing randomly for an infinite period of time.

Rob Lagos is a computer programmer analyst and statistician, with a Bachelor of Science degree from UCLA in Chemistry/Computer Science. He is a virtuoso pianist and has tutored privately in mathematics and physical science. He is the Publications Officer and Editor of the MaineScene newsletter for Maine Mensa. He is the facilitator for the Adults with Asperger's group which meets in Portland, Maine.

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/>

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unguided journey to Everest Base Camp. That book was the recipient of the NH Literary Award for Outstanding Work of Non-Fiction. Currently, Dan is spending 2017 writing *The White Mountain*, a social and cultural history of Mount Washington. For more information on Dan or his books see www.danszczyzny.com

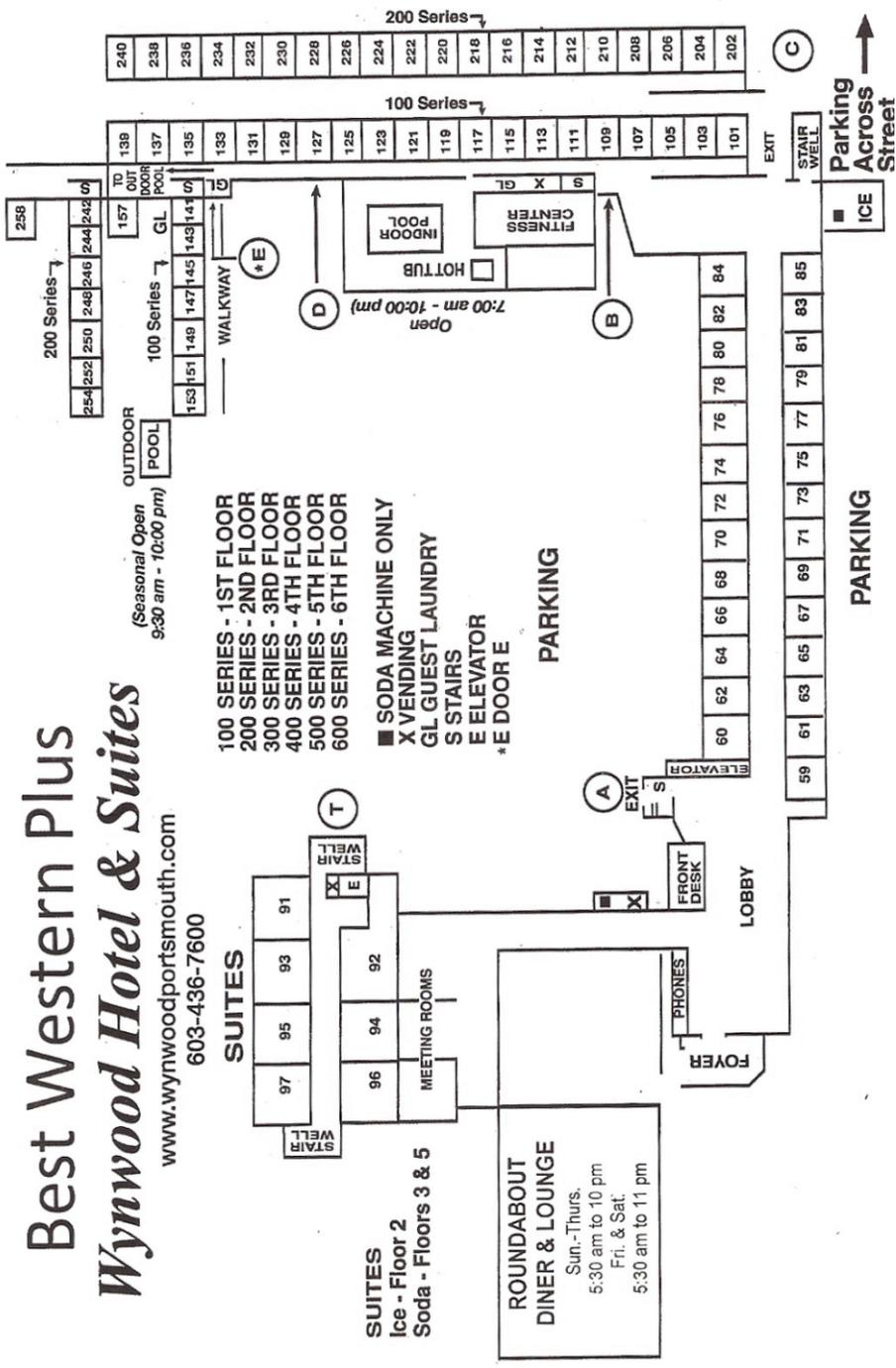
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Bill Zigo, aka Ziggy, joined Mensa in 1988 and has been a Life Member for about half that time. Besides being a mainstay at RGs in the Northeast (most often in the games room), he is also a past chapter president, NL editor, RG chair, Assistant RVC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

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