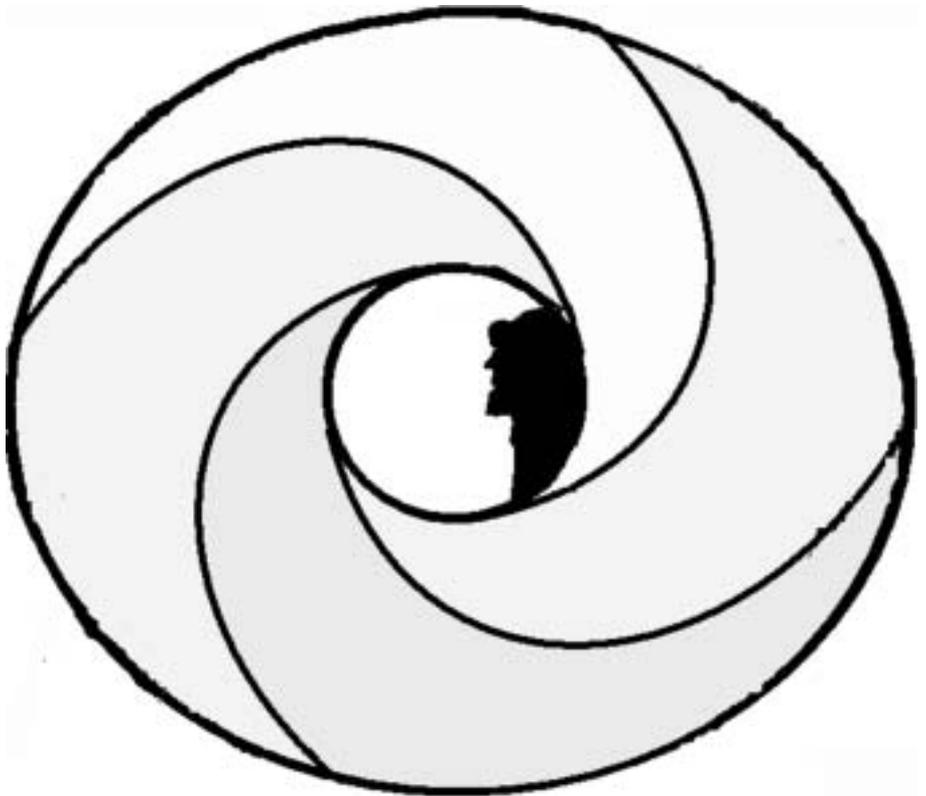


**Welcome to New Hampshire Mensa's**

**Granite Gathering '007:  
RGs Are Forever**



**February 16-18, 2007  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Nashua, New Hampshire**



### New This Year!

**H**undreds of photographs made by our own Dewey and Laura Corl throughout the Granite Gathering, edited and placed on a neat CD-ROM. Pictures will be arranged chronologically and with some video clips. Quality will be high and suitable for printing. All aspects are fair game: speaker workshops, meals, Hospitality, Music Room, Games, Room, etc. ...wherever interesting people are! The photos will be done spontaneously, serendipitously (mug for the camera!). The disc will have a professional-quality label, mailed in a proper mailer a few weeks after the event. All this for only \$12.50 postpaid. Envelope forms can be obtained at the Registration Desk or from the photographers. Enjoy! Part of cost contributes to New Hampshire Mensa.



# Cast



001 .....	Walter Wakefield <small>(Co-Chair and Programming)</small>
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H.....	Elizabeth Becker <small>(Hospitality Chair)</small>
Becker Girls .....	Sue Barnes Devin Starlanyl Paula Werme <small>(Hospitality)</small>
R.....	Deb Stone <small>(Registrar)</small>
M .....	Bob Oxford <small>(Music)</small>
G .....	Adam Smargon <small>(Games)</small>
P .....	Claire Natola <small>(Puzzles)</small>
MG .....	Rich Conde <small>(Movie Guy)</small>
C.....	John Follansbee III <small>(Children's Room)</small>
B.....	David Melville <small>(Biermeister)</small>
I .....	Jim Barnes <small>(Icemeister)</small>
A.....	Joe Zanca <small>(Auctioneer)</small>
Paparazzi .....	Laura and Dewey Corl <small>(Photographers)</small>
Henchmen .....	Alicia Andrus Curry Bartlett Sue Flaherty <small>(Speaker Escorts)</small>
S .....	Adam Smargon <small>(Signage)</small>
E .....	Claire Natola <small>(Program Book Editor)</small>

Any omissions are simply oversights due to the exhaustion of the Program Book Editor, not to any lack of appreciation by the RG Committee.



Food/  
Drink

## Legend



Special  
Event



Music



Speaker/  
Workshop



Games  
Event



Children



Movie



Time  
Check

## Friday



4:00 p.m.

Hospitality, Children's and Games Rooms Open



4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Introduction/Spy ID Making, Children's Room**  
We will be creating our own secret spy agency! Join us for an introduction to the weekend's festivities.



5:00-6:00 p.m.

**Pictures for Spy IDs, Children's Room**  
All good spies have their own ID badges...so will we!



6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Dinner, Hospitality**  
Join us for a welcoming New Hampshire dinner in Hospitality.



6:00-9:00 p.m.

**Spy Kit Making/Free Play, Children's Room**  
We all need tools of the trade; come check out these simple spying aids.



6:45 p.m.

**Clue Tournament, Tournament Room**  
Was it Miss Scarlett in the library with a lead pipe? Or maybe it was Mrs. Peacock with the dagger in the kitchen? Then again, it could have been Col. Mustard with the wrench in the lounge... or maybe it was Mrs. White with the rope in the billiard room! Come play this classic board game. (Also, the first person to tell the games chair of the significance of these four accusations will win a special prize. That significance will be mentioned Sunday morning, during the awards ceremony.)

**7:00 p.m.** *Tomorrow Never Dies*, Movie Room  
(1:54, 1997, PG13) Bond (Pierce Brosnan) faces off against a multimedia overlord determined to start WW III just for the news ratings. Bond obeys the first rule of media.



**7:00-8:00 p.m.** **RG Primer**, Meet-and-Greet Room  
First time at an RG? **Claire Natola** is here to answer all our questions and to show you the ropes. Meet fellow newcomers and make some fast friends.



**7:00-8:30 p.m.** **Jammin' With Your Friends**, Music Room  
Did you bring your own instruments to join us? If not, there will be a variety of instruments available for you to play. Come and jam and sing with other folks during this unstructured time.



**8:00-9:00 p.m.** **Levi Woodbury**, Meet-and-Greet Room  
Did you know that Levi Woodbury was the only New Hampshire-born/New Hampshire-practicing lawyer to have served as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court? **Jack McGee** will introduce you to one of New Hampshire's most prolific native sons.



**8:30-9:00 p.m.** **Rob Oxford**, Music Room  
Folk/Country



**8:30-9:30 p.m.** **Ice Cream Sundaes**, Hospitality  
Sure, it's February...but New Englanders love ice cream all year round. Make your own sundaes from our buffet of ingredients.



**9:00 p.m.** *Goldfinger*, Movie Room  
(1:45, 1964) THE Bond film. Bond (Sean Connery) comes across a plot to rob Fort Knox. Features a car with an ejector seat, a henchman with a deadly bowler hat, and this dialogue:



"Do you expect me to talk?"

"Why NO, Mister Bond! I expect you to DIE!!"

**9:00-10:30 p.m.** **Familiar Echoes**, Music Room  
Folk/Bluegrass trio





9:00 p.m.

Children's Room Closes



9:15-10:00 p.m.

***Mommy Please Come Home,***  
**Meet-and-Greet Room**

*Mommy Please Come Home* is a nonfiction memoir about **Kevin Tremblay's** mother and what happened to her. This is an expose that explores the underbelly of the social fabric during the 1950s and 60s, a time of heightened experimentation in mind control and behaviorism - the MK-Ultra experiments. This book looks at the experiments that had been done by the CIA and the "shadow government," and how this may have been what happened to the author's mother.



10:00-11:00 p.m.

**GenX/Y Mixer, Meet-and-Greet Room**

All Mensans born between 1961 and 1981 are automatically members of the Gen-X Special Interest Group. All Mensans born between 1976 and 1988 are automatically members of the Gen-Y Special Interest Group. Come meet your fellow SIG members and find out what's going on with each of these SIGs locally and nationally. **Claire Natola**, GenX Coordinator for the 2007 Annual Gathering in Birmingham, is your host.



10:00 p.m.

**Poker Tournament, Tournament Room**

Poker is the most popular card game in a class of games called vying games. (Vying games see players - with fully or partially concealed cards or items - make wagers into a central pot, which is awarded to the player/s with the best hand or collection.) It has seen a tremendous surge in popularity over the past ten years, and the poker tournament tradition - again with **Deb Stone** at the helm - continues here at the RG!



10:00-11:00 p.m.

**Shrimp and Martinis, Hospitality**

Shrimp has become a Friday night tradition at our RG, and tonight we pair our shrimp with a variety of martinis in honor of James Bond.



11:00 p.m.

***Revenge of the Nerds*, Movie Room**

(1:30, 1984, R - language, brief nudity) The Nerds of Adams College are all forced together in a common fraternity, and then outperform the Jocks.

**11:00 p.m.** **Late Night Nosh, Hospitality**  
Still hungry? Arrived late? Don't worry...you'll be able to still get something to eat in Hospitality, even late at night.



**10:30-12:00 p.m.** **Jammin' With Your Friends, Music Room**  
Did you bring your own instruments to join us? If not, there will be a variety of instruments available for you to play. Come and jam and sing with other folks during this unstructured time.



**12:00 midnight** **Music Room closes**



**1:00 a.m.** **Movie Room closes**



## Saturday

**6:00-9:30 a.m.** **Breakfast, Hospitality**  
Greet the morning with various flavored waffles from homemade batter.



**7:00-9:00 a.m.** **Movie and Breakfast, Children's Room**  
Bring your cereal and sit with friends to enjoy the great caper *Spy Kids 2*.



**9:00 - 10:30 a.m.** **Mensa Admissions Testing, Essex**  
The test will be proctored by **Claire Natola** in the Essex Room, located just across the lobby from the Registration Desk.



**9:00-10:00 a.m.** **Bug Making, Children's Room**  
Bring your imagination as **Liz Modesitt** will teach you how to make flashing bugs.



**9:00 a.m.** **Monster House, Movie Room**  
(1:28, 2006, PG) Computer-animated tale of a group of kids who have to confront the scary house on their street. In this movie, the lair IS the villain. Nominated for Best Animated Feature.





9:30-10:45 a.m.

**Two Weeks on the Moon - Well, Sort Of..., Amphitheatre**

In February 2006, the Moon Society conducted its first-ever two-week simulation of life on the Moon, using the Mars Society's analog research station near Hanksville, Utah. Canadian Mensans **Laurel Ladd** and **Steven Winikoff** were two members of the international crew. This talk presents the inside story of what happened, what worked, and what didn't.



9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

**A Travel Extravaganza, Brookfield**

A trifecta of great travel experiences awaits you! At 9:45, **Jack Balcom** urges us to go global and learn about the cultural and educational alternative vacation of riverboating abroad. Jack's talk will feature his recent riverboat cruise on the Yangtze River in China. At 10:15, **Gail Meinhold** will be talking about her adventures last year on Mt. Kilimanjaro and will be available during the RG to answer more specific questions on mountain hiking, equipment, clothing and safety. At 10:45, intrepid world traveler **Susan Engelke** brings us to Malta. Where is it? How did it get there? Why visit it? Is it true it has no mountains and it seldom rains? All these questions will be answered as you discover the island that was the most bombed place on earth during WWII, but is now a haven for British retirees (good health care and kind to the pound). Susan spent a month there last summer and never was bored. Why?



10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

**Foam Tray Printing, Children's Room**

Join **Carmelina Fauteux** to make some art that is worth stealing!



10:00 a.m.

**Baccarat Tournament, Tournament Room**

Baccarat is a simple gambling card game that dates to the 1400s. There are only three possible results: "Player", "Banker" and "Tie" – but the interesting thing is that these terms do not refer to the players and the house. They are just options on which a player can bet. This is the game of choice for James Bond; the entire plot of the 1953 novel *Casino Royale* (where this character debuts) revolves around a baccarat game. Come learn how to play, and then the tournament will begin.



10:30 a.m.

**Akeelah and the Bee, Movie Room**

(1:45, 2006, PG) A young girl is coached to compete in the national Spelling Bee. A heartwarming film about achieving your potential.

10:45-11:45 a.m.

**Brighten the Corner Where  
You Are, Essex Room**



Flowers lighten the spirit and help purify the environment. They are not fluff. **Marjorie Johnston** provides a quick review of the nuts and bolts of flower arrangement, featuring how-to samples of arrangements for various areas of the home or office.

11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

**Tarot, Amphitheatre**



Tarot is one of the most popular forms of divination. **Tchippakan** will bring assorted cards to review and will explain the basic techniques so that even a beginner can practice.

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Understanding MIDI Basics, Music Room**  
Join Music Chair **Bob Oxford** for a MIDI primer.



11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

**Global Warming Close  
To Home, Brookfield**



Join **Eric Hoffman**, Associate Professor of Meteorology at Plymouth State University, for a discussion of global warming and its regional effects in New England. Included will be a discussion about predictability and communicating uncertainty to the public.

11:30 a.m.

**Lunch, Hospitality**



We'll be replenishing lunch continuously until 1:00 p.m., so if you're in the middle of a lecture or game at 11:30, don't fret! There will be plenty left when you reach Hospitality.

12:00-2:00 p.m.

**Lunch and Free Play, Children's Room**



12:00-2:00 p.m.

**Learn Them How To Think, Essex**



**Joe Zanca** will blow your mind ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of 13 is 8 - and he'll prove it). Creative Problem Solving, Brainstorming, Mind Tickling, Team Building...and that's just the first 5 minutes. Participate in a new way of thinking, proving that we is mightier than the sum of many me's.

12:30-3:00 p.m.

**Folk Song Circle, Music Room**



Fun for the whole family!



12:30 p.m. **Deep Space Nine, "Our Man Bashir,"** Movie Room (50mins) A holosuite game of Cold War Agent goes wrong.



12:45-2:00 p.m. **Know Your Chocolate, Amphitheatre**  
Think art and music. That is what Chocolate is in the world. **Alan and Becky Jamison** left their real life behind to start a retail chocolate business, a bold stroke at the unique and fascinating. But like most unique and fascinating things, they do not generally offer a means for a good living. Alan and Becky found that group tasting parties (like the one they conducted here last year) were the most gratifying part of their business, and that selling was their lowest priority. You can't succeed at retail like that! Since we were all with them at the very beginning of their adventure, they find it fitting that we should be there at the end. Let them change your chocolate life and wreck your comfortable ignorance that Hershey's and Mars are "good enough." Eat, taste, and talk while Alan and Becky wreck your appetites! Cool, huh?



12:45 p.m. **CultureQuest® Tournament, Tournament Room**  
Who won the first Pulitzer Prize for commentary? What musical art form originated in Brooklyn in the 1970s? Which U.S. president served two non-consecutive terms? CultureQuest® is a cultural trivia competition for all Mensa chapters in the U.S. and Canada. Today's competition is on a person-by-person basis (not teams), and will be abbreviated to thirty minutes. While CultureQuest® might be considered a trivia game or competition, the intent has always been to promote and test cultural literacy. From film to politics, from literature to geography and from music to history, teams of up to five members gather on one single day. The teams have ninety minutes to answer as many questions as possible, without using outside sources (you're on the honor system). Cash prizes and bragging rights are at stake. Today's winners have the ability to represent the team(s) for the New Hampshire/Maine chapter in the national event in late April of this year; go to [www.us.mensa.org/cq](http://www.us.mensa.org/cq) for more information.



1:00 - 2:00 p.m. **Voice Workshop Zero, Brookfield**  
This is workshop "zero" because it comes before Voice 101 – for people who were told: "You can't sing, so just move your lips." **Joanne DeVoe** and **Tom Padwa** enjoy encouraging people who want to sing, and think they can't. No experience required, no pressure, just the desire to make music – a joyful noise. Advance registration is requested; space is limited to four men and four women, over 18. Please sign up at the registration table on the Eighth Floor.

1:30 p.m.

**Bridge Tournament, Tournament Room**

Bridge is a popular trick-taking card game of skill and chance, played by four players who form two partnerships (sides); the partners sit opposite each other at a table. The game consists of the auction (often called bidding) and play, after which the hand is scored. Much of the game's popularity owes to how it can be played in tournaments of theoretically unlimited numbers of players.



1:30 p.m.

***An Inconvenient Truth*, Movie Room**

(1:40, 2006, PG) Al Gore exposes a threat to the earth's climate. Unfortunately NOT fiction! Nominated for Best Documentary.



2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Spy Mission: Stop SCUM!, Children's Room**

Help **Nancy Peters** and **Ray Cote** find all the pieces of the Mayhem Device before the evil agents of SCUM can get a hold of them and put the device together. You will have to solve puzzles and be resourceful to complete this perilous mission, if you choose to accept it.



2:00 p.m.

**Backgammon Tournament, Tournament Room**

Backgammon is a two-person game; the object on the unique board is to move all your pieces off the board before your opponent does. You can slow down your opponent, but your opponent can slow you down in the same fashion. **Mark Becker** leads this tournament, with thanks from the Games Chair.



2:15-3:15 p.m.

**Iron Making in Colonial New England, Essex**

Antique wrought iron is full of glass fibers. Cast iron is loaded with carbon. Steel has little or no glass and has specific small amounts of carbon. With these words, you are now a metallurgist. So how did you make these things in pre-revolutionary times? Wrought iron processes changed four times from antiquity to today, and real wrought iron is no longer made at all with a couple of exceptions. Cast iron processes improved but remained substantially unchanged from Roman times to today. Retired metallurgist **Jim Johnston** explains how New England was once the leader in iron production but as processes and ore sources changed, the industry's locales changed and finally left New England entirely.





2:15-3:15 p.m.

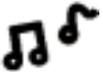
**Don't Save the Planet!, Brookfield**

Why do we care about environmental issues? Should we care in the first place? Is anything wrong with the planet? What's the selfish side of the modern environmental movement? What improvements can we make? **Adam Smargon** explores the answers to these questions with a presentation he gave two years ago at this RG (and at the World Gathering at Disney World), but which he says is "new and improved" – including references to "different environmental thinkers."



2:30-3:45 p.m. **License To Thrill: Re-examining the James Bond Phenomenon in Light of 007, Amphitheatre**

**Doug Wheeler** provides an abbreviated answer to several important questions: What are the historical origins of novelist Ian Fleming's James Bond novels as well as the James Bond films? What is the significance of 'the James Bond phenomenon or 007' in terms of the popular culture of entertainment, spy fiction, and the culture and cult of secret activities? The setting for Fleming's first Bond novel, *Casino Royale*, will be examined to provide an insight into the relation between History and Fiction, between World War II secret intelligence and Cold War secret wars. How has a sense of British national pride and place been affected by the Bond creation and how has the Bond story become, in effect, globalized for mass audiences from Peoria to Pakistan?



3:00-4:00 p.m.

**Jane Fallon, Music Room**



3:00-4:30 p.m.

**English Tea, Hospitality**

Feeling a wee bit peckish? Join us for tea and scones in Hospitality.



3:15 p.m.

**Discussion/DVD Bonuses,**

***An Inconvenient Truth*, Movie Room**

(Approx. 1:00) Screen the DVD bonuses and partake in a discussion of the issues raised by *An Inconvenient Truth*.



3:30-5:00 p.m.

**Life After Traumatic Brain Injury, Essex**

Mensan panelists **Bev Bryant, John Richards, and Bette Lewicke**, all insiders in the neurorehabilitation community, will discuss what it is like to have a brain injury and how it affects putting one's life together afterwards. Topics that will be covered include brain injury statistics, applying creativity and intelligence toward identifying

employment opportunities, cognitive-emotional assessment and brain organization, and resources for making the journey back. Although the discussion will center on brain injury, the principles that will be discussed can be applied by others who have experienced other types of physical or psychological challenges.

**3:30-4:30 p.m. Artemesia and Susanna and the Elders, Brookfield Artists** Artemesia and Orazio Gentileschi (daughter and father) were followers of Caravaggio. Artemesia was part of a rape trial that her father brought against one of his students. She was tortured to obtain the truth and still lost. Much controversy has surrounded her painting *Susanna and the Elders*, mainly because art historians say she could not have executed such a technical feat at the age of thirteen. Many historians have tried to credit her father with this work. **Carmelina Fauteaux** will examine why that is not possible, comparing Artemesia's version with many examples of the popular *Susanna and the Elders* theme by other famous painters.



**3:30 p.m.**

### **Sudoku Tournament - Opening Round, Tournament Room**

Sudoku, a logic-based placement puzzle, is named after the Japanese phrase "suji wa dokushin ni kagiru" ("the digits must remain single"). Each puzzle is a 9x9 grid made up of nine 3x3 subgrids, starting with various single digits given in some cells. The goal is to finish filling out the 9x9 grid such that:



- each column has each of the first nine single-digit numbers (with no repeats)
- each row has each of the first nine single-digit numbers (with no repeats)
- each 3x3 grid has each of the first nine single-digit numbers (with no repeats)

The attraction of the puzzle is that the completion rules are simple, yet the line of reasoning required to reach the completion may be complex. Educators recommend the game as an exercise in logical reasoning. Before the tournament starts, a warm-up puzzle will be administered; whoever finishes fastest with the correct solution in either contest will receive a door prize. The tournament consists of three puzzles; the fastest three people with the correct solution will advance to the finals, which will occur at 6:00 p.m.



4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Board Games/Free Play, Children's Room**



4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Energy Healing, Amphitheatre**

**Tchipakkan** provides an overview of healing with bioenergy, including Reiki, Dynamind, Quantum Healing, Silva Mind Control, and others. Energy healing is a basic human ability; over the last 30 years, many have been exploring ways to bring it back to modern use.



4:15 p.m.

***March of the Penguins*, Movie Room**

(1:20, 2005, G) Oscar-winning documentary about raising penguin chicks in Antarctica. More tuxedos than any Bond film.



5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

**Free Play, Children's Room**

Enjoy some free play during the evening. Don't forget: you can bring your pizza back to the Children's Room after it's served at 6:30 in Hospitality.



5:30-6:00 p.m.

**Tom Padwa, Music Room**

Guitar/Vocals



5:45 p.m.

***The Man With the Golden Gun*, Movie Room**

(2:05, 1974, PG) Christopher Lee plays a golden-bullet assassin who challenges Bond (Roger Moore) to a duel.



6:00 p.m.

**Sudoku Tournament - Final Round, Hospitality**

Come to watch and cheer on your favorite competitor as they compete for cash and prizes! (Um, no. That's not true. They'll be competing for certificates and bragging rights.) We offer a laurel and hearty handshake to all competitors.



6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Spy Party, Children's Room**

Join us for pizza, soda, and cookies. There will also be crackers and cheese with veggies and juice for those who like good stuff!



6:30 p.m.

**Pizza Dinner, Hospitality**

For those not partaking in the Bond Banquet, pizza will be served in Hospitality.

7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Magic the Gathering /  
Yu-Gi-OH, Tournament Room**

Our kids' trek moves to the Tournament Room for some fun!



7:00-8:15 p.m.

**Bond Banquet, The Hunt Club**

Join us for our Bond Banquet, featuring Tossed Diamonds Are Forever Salad (baby lettuces with almonds, mandarin oranges, tomatoes, cucumbers, and a raspberry vinaigrette), Goldfinger Chicken (boneless breast of chicken stuffed with a sage bread stuffing and finished with a veloute), 007 Wild Mushroom Ravioli, Jacket Potatoes, Buttered Peas, Pearl Onions, Warm Rolls with Whipped Butter, Coffee and Tea, and Shaken Not Stirred Chocolate Mousse served in a martini glass. Banquet tickets cost \$28 and are available from Deb Stone at Registration.



8:00 p.m.

**Puzzle Contest Closes**



8:00 p.m.

**Little Miss Sunshine, Movie Room**

(1:42, 2006, R - language) A family of misfits transports their young daughter to compete in a pageant in California. A road trip family nightmare. Nominated for four Oscars, including Best Picture.



8:00 - 10:30 p.m.

**Karaoke, Music Room**

Come and sing to terrific Karaoke back up tracks provided by the professional Karaoke Jockey from **Captain Chris Entertainment**. There are some 1000 songs for you to choose from, so you are sure to find something you'll be able to sing! So come one, come all and let us hear how talented you are (or aren't!)...or just come and watch others show off! (Think "Mensa Idol"!)



8:15 p.m.

**Live Auction, The Hunt Club**

The inimitable **Joe Zanca** auctions as only he can, with proceeds to benefit his namesake scholarship fund.



8:30-11:30 p.m.

**Monte Carlo Night, The Hunt Club**

Join us for casino fun to benefit our scholarships!



10:00 p.m.

**Silent Auction Ends**





10:00 p.m.

Children's Room Closes



10:00 p.m.

***Thank You For Smoking*, Movie Room**

(1:32, 2006, R - language) A tobacco lobbyist uses brilliant spin control to defend America's right to smoke. A savage satire of the art of the spin doctor to defend the \*previously\* undefendable. (Despite the title, Movie Room remains non-smoking.)



10:00 p.m.

**Chocolate Orgy with Champagne and Strawberries, Hospitality**

The infamous Chocolate Orgy is complemented by champagne and strawberries...perfect for capping off the evening.



10:30-12:00 p.m.

**Jammin' With Your Friends, Music Room**

Did you bring your own instruments to join us? If not, there will be a variety of instruments available for you to play. Come and jam and sing with other folks during this unstructured time.



11:45 p.m.

***The Aristocrats*, Movie Room**

(1:26, 2006, unrated, but strong R recommended) Dozens of the best standup comedians give their versions of the well-known dirty joke. Basically, the joke is about describing a stage act so vile, it's embarrassingly funny.



12:00 midnight

**Late Night Nosh, Hospitality**

Still hungry? Don't worry...you'll be able to still get something to eat in Hospitality, even late at night.



12:00 midnight

Music Room Closes



1:00 a.m.

Movie Room Closes

## Sunday



7:00-10:00 a.m.

**Breakfast, Hospitality**

Greet the morning with a hearty breakfast.

7:00-9:00 a.m.

Free Play, Children's Room



9:00 a.m.

Meet the AMC Candidates, Music Room

We are fortunate to have at least five candidates for positions on the American Mensa Committee in attendance at our RG! **Walter Wakefield** and **Lori Norris** (RVC1 candidates), **Marc Lederman** (Secretary candidate), and **Russ Bakke** and **Marghretta McBean** (Chair candidates) are all welcome to use this time and space to speak with constituents about the upcoming 2007 Mensa elections.



9:00-11:00 a.m.

Clean Up, Children's Room

We'd love your help cleaning the Children's Room! Please be sure to claim all your projects before we close!



10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Brunch, Hospitality

Late Riser? There's still time for brunch before we go.



11:00 a.m.

Some Rooms Close

Any help cleaning the Tournament Room, Meet-and-Greet Room, and Smoking Hospitality before 1:00 p.m. is greatly appreciated!



11:00 a.m.

Prizes, Hospitality

We'll be awarding prizes for the puzzle contest, games tournaments, and any special awards.



1:00 p.m.

Remaining Rooms Close

Hospitality, Games, and Music Rooms close. Any help cleaning up these rooms before 2:00 p.m. is greatly appreciated!



**Thank you for being a part of yet another great Granite Gathering!**

## Many Thanks to Our Speakers!

**Jack Balcom** has been cruising almost all of his life. At age 6 he had already experienced 2 Trans-Atlantic crossings between Europe. At age 17, in the midst of the Viet Nam War, he was off to the US Naval Academy where he graduated with a Marine Corps Officer's commission in 1971. He consequently graduated from Ocean-going Cruise ships, to Naval Warships (he sailed on the last destroyer to cruise up the Grand Canal in Venice) from Destroyers to Aircraft Carriers hitting ports of call like Athens, Naples, Tel Aviv, Helsinki, Stockholm, Pago Pago, Hong Kong, Manila, Taipei, Okinawa and many, many more. He cruised the touristy ships for awhile (Norwegian, Royal Caribbean, and Holland America). He has cruised every continent except Australia (slated for 2008) and Antarctica (?).

**Beverley Bryant M.Ed.** is a life member of Mensa and a proctor in the Portland Area. She makes her home in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, but has yet to find that quiet life in the "slow lane". She has been married to her husband, Gordon, (and best friend) for 44 years, while being a teacher, counselor, gymnastics judge, and now retired, and enjoying life's leisures.

Bev has been on the Board of Directors of the Brain Injury Association of Maine and their Executive Committee for 16 years, and actively involved in brain injury education and advocacy on a state, regional and national level. She attributes her own recovery from traumatic brain injury to a strong support system, her optimistic outlook on life, determination, accepting and nurturing what she couldn't change, and a rehabilitation team that challenged and inspired her intellectually. She is an internationally-known speaker and author of two books on brain injury recovery.

28 years in the making of a Mensa member and here **Susan Engelke** is to enlighten you to the joys of Malta, a place where she spent a month last summer. Susan loves to travel, much to her four children's dismay. The only reason she returned from five years in Central Europe was because her daughter said, "My sons think you're a post card." Always alert for a travel destination where the dollar goes far, she's chosen Malta for today's presentation.

**Carmelina Fauteux** lives in Bristol New Hampshire with her husband Rick, youngest son, Sterling, 3 Himalayan cats, and a Senegal Parrot. She holds a Bachelor degree in Fine Arts and a Master of Teaching from Plymouth State University. Her interest in the arts started at an early age and she states, "I was telling everyone who would listen to me since the age of six years I was going to be an artist. I had a portfolio before I entered High School. I was oil painting when most children were still drawing with crayons. I started my career as an oil painter, concentrated in welded metal sculpture in college, and I am currently working with printmaking." Carmelina currently teaches art at Wentworth Elementary School and Warren Elementary School.

**Dr. Eric Hoffman** is an assistant professor of Meteorology at Plymouth State University. His main areas of expertise are in synoptic meteorology, weather analysis, and forecasting, but he regularly teaches the introductory climatology course. 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. Eric lives in Plymouth, N.H.

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The world can be a nutty and bitter place. That's exactly where **Becky and Alan Jamison** found themselves as they watched the downward spiral of the software industry in New England where Al had been creating software for 20 years. Despite this, Al is close to finishing a Masters Degree at the Harvard Extension School in IT.

So what do you do with life's more bitter nuts? Turn them into Chocolate! Al and Becky, never ones to take the safe, and sometimes smart, path of drudgery, decided to pursue the taste of fine, world-class chocolate. Their experiences in Switzerland and the world of chocolate tasting gave them a desire to share this delight with others, to see their eyes light up when they taste great chocolate for the first time, to make world-class chocolate available and understandable to the general public, and to help people realize that there is so much more to chocolate than they have been led to believe.

**James H. (Jim) Johnston** (retired metallurgist): PE (Massachusetts), BS (Stanford), MS & ADM (MIT) developed a company manufacturing Titanium wire, sold out, and then briefly engaged in nuclear metals research. He joined the Federal Government in the 1960s where he first conducted weapons development for deep submergence, changed focus to computers and software, and concluded his career with issue to the fleet of a major weapons training program he developed. He is currently engaged in the smelting of local, iron bog ores in his backyard and making miniature steam engines in the basement.

**Marjorie M. Johnston** received her B.A. from the University of Rhode Island and her J.D. from the Southern New England School of Law. She has worked as a Child Development Specialist a Teacher/ Counselor, and as Director of the Problem Solving Center for mental health in Rehoboth, Massachusetts. Marjorie served for four years as the president of the Rehoboth Garden Club, and was an accredited judge for the National Garden Club Flower Show.

**Laurel Ladd and Steven Winikoff** met while helping to organize the 1988 joint US/Canada AG in Montreal, and have been coconspirators ever since. Long-time attendees of Mensa events in the northeastern US, their trip to the (analog) Moon actually began in Boston in 1995, but you'll have to attend their talk to find out how.

Laurel enjoys organic vegetable gardening and, when fuel prices allow, flying a C-172 out of Les Cèdres, west of Montreal. She shares her life with three males (two human and one feline) and many fish. You will be delighted to know that she has yet to seriously injure any of them with either her cooking or her flying.

Steven is that most dangerous of creatures, a programmer carrying a screwdriver. When not playing the clarinet, he can usually be found torturing helpless computers into submission for the benefit of Concordia University – where he's also teaching part-time and studying towards a PhD in computer science, in a misguided attempt to fill every role that one person can have at one university.

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**Bette Lewicke, Ph.D.** began her professional career in basic research related to visual-vestibular perception. She re-specialized in clinical psychology and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in neuropsychology. Bette is the neuropsychologist for the Brain Injury Center and Outpatient Services at Crooked Mountain. She has worked with people who have survived traumatic brain injuries or stroke for over ten years.

**Jack McGee** was born and brought up in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School and went on to Yale University where he received his BA Degree in Economics in 1972. He received his JD Degree from the College of William & Mary in 1975 and returned to Portsmouth where he became an associate in the law firm of Flynn, Powell, McGuirk and Blanchard.

At the present time, he is solo practitioner under the name of Flynn & McGee, P.A. Jack has been involved with his parish and in many local civil and charitable organizations. For a number of years, he was Secretary of the Portsmouth Athenaeum and also served as the President of that organization.

Attorney McGee has had a lifelong interest in history. He first became aware of Levi Woodbury while in grade school. He would often walk past the old Woodbury mansion on his way to school. After taking an American History course as a sophomore in college, he read *The Age of Jackson* by Schlesinger and went on to discover how important Woodbury had been to the history of the Ante Bellum period. While taking a seminar in American legal history, he did a major paper on Woodbury focusing on his life and judicial career.

**Gail Meinhold, B.A., MS, NDBD**, is a world traveler and avid mountain hiker. Although she has taken up the sport of mountain hiking in later years she has many accomplishments under her belt. She completed the 48 4,000-foot mountains in New Hampshire and is working on Maine and Vermont. She has successfully climbed Pikes Peak and has made an impressive attempt on Mt. Kilimanjaro. In her spare time Gail volunteers as an ESOL tutor and has been a board member of Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity. She also hosts the monthly Winnepesupper and would love to talk to you about that as well.

**Tom Padwa** and his wife **Joanne DeVoe** enjoy bringing others to the joy of singing. Since 1990 they have sung shape note music - the early American sacred music featured in the movie *Cold Mountain*. In 2004, these two members of Providence Sacred Harp helped bring the distinctive sound to live audiences in the Great High Mountain Tour, sharing a stage with, among others, Alison Krauss and Ralph Stanley. Tom also wields his guitar to sing topical songs, as well as the old songs that should not be forgotten. When not singing, Tom is a Mensa proctor and an officer of Rhode Island Mensa.

**John W. Richards, MSW, LICSW** is a social worker with an MBA. While serving as president of a large agency supporting people with disabilities John was President of the NH Brain Injury Association. He has worked on team and organizational development for the past sixteen years in a variety of settings. Currently John is employed at Crooked Mountain Rehabilitation Center and at Lakeview Neurorehabilitation Center.

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**Adam Smargon** is in hot pursuit of a Ph.D. in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies at the University of New Hampshire. His dissertation is entitled "Beer, Soda, and Climate Change: Carbon Dioxide Mitigation Strategies for the Beverage Industries." (Yes, he's serious.) He was born in Detroit and raised in Miami, and holds two environmental degrees (as he goes after a third in Happy Durham). He has been a member of Mensa since he moved to the Granite State in June 2004, and has been the Games Chair at every Granite Gathering he has attended. (Yes, including this one.) He lives in the New Hampshire town of Epping (Motto: "Rhymes With "Schlepping!").

**Tchipakkan** is an artist, writer, healer and teacher. She lives on a small farm with three adult children, working toward sustainability through farming, speaking and selling their art. She is author of *Divine Cookies*, a cookbook with tales about gods and magical cookie recipes, and the Rune article series in the *Blessed Bee* Pagan Family Magazine. She practices and teaches RuneValdr and Reiki, huna healing, herbalism, healing seidhr, soothsaying with runes, palmistry, tarot, numerology, and other systems.

**Kevin Tremblay** is a real estate broker and educator offering the sale agent course, An Introduction to Real Estate, a prerequisite to being licensed to sell real estate in Maine. He is a former Associate of the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. Recently he published his first book: *Mommy Please Come Home*, about his twin being aborted, and what he believes may have happened to his mother and himself, and why. Kevin grew up in Burlington,

Massachusetts and has lived in Ripley, Maine for the last 20 years. One of his many hobbies is conspiracies, new since finishing this book. Kevin's current work in progress has a working title of: *The Devil's Trumpet* about the two narcotic plant genuses *Datura* and *Brugmansia*, plants used for eons in potions for "reprogramming."

**Douglas L. Wheeler** (Ph.D. and M.A., Boston Univ; B.A., Dartmouth College) has been associated with UNH, Durham since 1965, as a Professor of History. Though he retired formally from classroom in 2002, he lectures widely and is working on several books, incl. a biography of actor Leslie Howard. For more than 30 years at UNH he taught an undergraduate History course, "Espionage & History" and he is the author or co-author of seven books, 50 chapters in books, and 200 articles&reviews. His first contact with James Bond came when he read Ian Fleming novels in the early 1960s, while stationed at the U.S.Army Intelligence School, Ft. Holabird, MD; he was a Fellow in research on the history of secret Intelligence at Harvard's CFIA, 1984-85. With his family on a sabbatical in Portugal, he lived only yards away from the Estoril Casino, the inspiration for the setting of Ian Fleming's 1953 novel, *Casino Royale*. Twice he has been decorated by the President of Portugal for 'unsecret services.'

**Joe Zanca** has been a Mensan for over 25 years and has been very active as a speaker on Brainstorming and Creative Problem Solving. He has worked with Gifted Programs, Odyssey of the Mind, Destination Imagination and is known for his effective fundraising.

## **RG Tips and Tidbits**

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**BADGES** Please wear your badge. It is the only way we can distinguish one another from other hotel guests.

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**SMOKING** Smoking is allowed only in the Smoking Hospitality room on the 2nd Floor.

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

**HUGGING** The Mensa hugging dot code: GREEN = Yes, please hug me!  
YELLOW = Please ask me first.  
RED = Don't hug me.

Please treat children as if they have red dots, as they often decorate their badges.

**PARENTS AND CHILDREN** Please, no unaccompanied children in public areas after 10:00 p.m. Please make certain your children are supervised in the Children's Room as daycare service is not provided by the RG or by the hotel. Individual parents are requested to supervise activities and crafts, and to staff the room. RG staff provides craft materials.

**PUZZLE CONTEST** Play along in our Bond-themed Puzzle Contest! Complete your answer sheet by 8:00 p.m. Saturday to be in the running for a fabulous prize! Winner will be announced Sunday morning

**PHOTOGRAPHS** We'd love to see your RG photos! Feel free to email them to Bill Alleman at [webmaster@nh.us.mensa.org](mailto:webmaster@nh.us.mensa.org) for posting on the New Hampshire Mensa website, and/or to Mark Becker at [editor@nh.us.mensa.org](mailto:editor@nh.us.mensa.org) for inclusion in a future issue of *Momentum*.

**RG ELEMENTS** All elements of our schedule are current as of 2/14/07, but are subject to change without notice. We will endeavor to post changes in a prominent location.

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