

# Celebr8 '08

New Hampshire/Maine Mensa RG

February 15-17

Radisson Hotel      Nashua, N.H.



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out throughout the weekend!

# Rules of the Road

**AS ALWAYS, ILLEGAL, DESTRUCTIVE, OR ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND MAY BE CONSIDERED ADEQUATE CAUSE FOR EVICTION FROM THE RG, WITHOUT REFUND.**

**BADGES** Anyone NOT wearing a badge will NOT be allowed entry into Hospitality. Many of you will think this stinks. However, because we are on a floor that is also populated with non-RG guests, 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 keep all food and drinks on the 7th Floor so that we may abide by state regulations that govern the hotel.

**HOSPITALITY PLUS** Room 722 is our "Hospitality Plus" room. Here you may find folks engaging in informal jam sessions, playing Guitar Hero, or enjoying ad hoc workshops. Keep an eye on the bulletin board for updates on what's happening.

**SMOKING** Smoking is ONLY allowed in Room 732.

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

**HUGGING** The Mensa hug dot code:

GREEN = Yes, please hug me!

YELLOW = Please ask me first.

RED = Don't hug me.

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 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.

**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*.

**SCHEDULE AUTHENTICITY** All elements of our schedule are current as of 2/12/08, but are subject to change without notice. We will endeavor to post changes in a prominent location.



Food/  
Drink



Movie



Children



Speaker/  
Workshop



Special  
Event



Games  
Event



Time  
Check

## Legend

## Friday

4:00 p.m. Hospitality, Children's 713, and Games 721 Open



4:00 p.m. Kids' Meet-and-Greet, Children's Room 713  
Kids can get the ball rolling with plenty of games and fun!



6:00 p.m. The Crock Pot Cook Off, Hospitality  
Come be a judge! Vote for your favorite crock pot delight.



7:00 p.m. Film: *Groundhog Day*, Movie Room 719  
(1993, 97 minutes, Rated PG-13) Bill Murray is a TV weatherman covering the celebration of Groundhog Day in Punxsutawney, PA who keeps reliving the same day, over and over and over.



7:00 p.m. Puppetmaking, Children's Room 713  
Make Chinese New Year's puppets with your friends.



7:00 p.m. Intertel Rendezvous, Meet 'n' Greet Room 724  
Meet other members of Intertel, the high-IQ society for people who score at or above the 99th percentile on a standardized IQ test.



8:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social, Hospitality  
Make your own sundaes.





8:45 p.m. **Film: *Ocean's Thirteen*, Movie Room 719**  
(2007, 122 minutes, Rated PG-13) Danny Ocean (George Clooney) and his friends (including him, there's thirteen of them) celebrate the opening of a new casino by figuring out how to rid it of over \$5 million within an hour. With Matt Damon and Brad Pitt.



9:00 p.m. **GenX/Y Mixer, Meet 'n' Greet Room 724**  
Get together with other GenXers (born from 1961 to 1981) and GenYs (born from 1976 to 1988). Meet up with old friends and make new ones!



9:00 p.m.

**Children's Room 713 Closes**



11:00 p.m. **Film: *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, Movie Room 719**  
(1986, 102 minutes, Rated PG-13) The classic John Hughes movie about the most creative hooky-player of the '80s, which celebrates the joy of taking the day off from high school. With Matthew Broderick.



12:00 midnight

**Hospitality Plus Room 722 Closes**



12:00 midnight **New Year's Celebration, Hospitality**  
Enjoy shrimp and champagne as we ring in the New Year, the first of the holidays we'll be celebrating this weekend.



1:00 a.m.

**Movie Room 719 Closes**

## Saturday



7:00 a.m.

**Children's Room 713 Opens**



7:00 a.m. **Breakfast with Friends, Children's Room 713**  
Bring your waffles down to the Children's Room and leave the old fogies behind.

8:00 a.m.

**Kids' Easter Egg Hunt, Hospitality**

Kids can make their way to Hospitality to help find all the eggs the bunny left behind.



8:00 a.m.

**Easter Breakfast, Hospitality**

Come enjoy fresh, hot waffles and many other fixings.



9:00 a.m.

**Film: *Home Alone*, Movie Room 719**

(1990, 103 minutes, Rated PG) "Families suck! I wish I didn't have one!" said Kevin. And then he gets his wish and celebrates Christmas alone. The John Hughes classic about one clever kid (Macaulay Culkin) and two idiot burglars.



9:00 a.m.

**Ornament-Making, Children's Room 713**

Make holiday ornaments with your friends!



9:00 a.m.

**FairTax, Hollis Room**

FairTax is a complete change of our tax system wherein the IRS is eliminated and we go to a sales-based tax. This is not a pipe dream; senators in Congress like this, and it is a major ingredient of Mike Huckabee's platform. Come hear what it's all about and why Walter Wakefield is enthusiastic about it.



9:00 a.m.

**Obstacles to Universal Healthcare  
in the USA, Northwood Room**

Join Dr. Terry Bennett for an interesting analysis and discourse of America's current health care crisis. Dr. Bennett is well-versed in how our system has developed into its present state and proposes realistic, practical approaches to address the current crisis of providing quality, affordable health care accessible to all. These run the gamut from major government decisions and commitment on just how commercial health care provider systems should be, to how to make better consumers out of its users. He has definite opinions on the recent efforts of states like California and Massachusetts in addressing this important problem. Join us in a discourse over this most timely topic that is applicable to everyone.



10:00 a.m.

**Mensa Admissions Test, Amherst Room**

Anyone 14 or older who wishes to take the Mensa Admissions Test may do so. The test costs \$40; a photo-ID is required.





10:00 a.m.

### What's It Like to Fly on the Space Shuttle?, Northwood Room

Jay Buckey will narrate a video and take questions about his mission aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia. Jay was a member of the crew on the 16-day STS-90 Neurolab flight in 1998. The 7-member crew served as both experiment subjects and operators for 26 individual life science experiments focusing on the effects of microgravity on the brain and nervous system. The STS-90 flight orbited the Earth 256 times, covered 6.3 million miles, and logged over 381 hours in space. The mission focused on the most complex and least understood part of the human body - the nervous system. The experiments explored five key areas affected by weightlessness: blood pressure control, balance, sleep, nervous system development and the blending of vision with balance and position sense. The video shows the launch, landing and what it's like to live and work in space.



10:15 a.m.

### Boggle Tournament, Meet 'n' Greet Room 724

You have 25 random letters in a 5x5 grid...what words can you find in three minutes? Up, down, left, right, and diagonals are permitted, as long as each word is three letters or more, and you can't use the same cube twice in the same word. Rules on the tournament structure will be discussed amongst all players once the game begins.



10:30 a.m.

### Why It's So Easy To Hack Your PC, Part II, Hollis Room

A follow-up to the incredibly popular presentation given at the 2005 Granite Gathering. An amazing number of home computers are infected with viruses, spyware and trojans every year. Every day, people unintentionally provide their personal information over the network. Should you like to learn a little about why this is happening, what it means to you, and a few things you can do about it, you'll want to attend this presentation by Curry Bartlett.



10:45 a.m.

### Film: *Shrek the Third*, Movie Room 719

(2007, 92 minutes, Rated PG) More from everyone's favorite ogre family.



12:00 noon

### Memorial Day Picnic, Hospitality

Enjoy a picnic without the bugs! Sandwiches on homemade bread with salads.

12:00 noon **More Crafts, Children's Room 713**  
Make Christmas God's eyes as the holiday celebrations continue!



12:30 p.m. **Film: *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, Movie Room 719**  
(2007, 138 minutes, Rated PG-13), Celebrating Harry's year five at Hogwart's. Harry and friends have begun to fight for themselves against Voldemort.



1:00 p.m. **The Bridge Non-Tournament, Games Room 721**  
This is not a tournament; it's just an opportunity for enthusiasts of this trick-taking card game of skill and chance to have a time and place to play.



1:00 p.m. **Poker 101 and Beyond, Hollis Room**  
Whether you're a novice who wants to learn how to play poker or a seasoned amateur player who wants to improve your game, this talk is for you. "Java Joe" Haber will discuss poker basics, including strategy, probability and money management. Then he'll cover the nuts and bolts of Texas Hold 'em, 5- and 7-Card Stud, and Draw Poker. Time permitting, he will also talk about Omaha Hold 'em and from there expand to "Dealer's Choice" games like Anaconda and Follow the Queen. Please note that the poker tournament will be held tonight at 9:00 p.m. in Games Room 721.



1:00 p.m. **Science Seminar, Part I: Climate Changes - Real Issues and Factors You Don't Hear About, Northwood Room**  
Introducing the Science Seminar: a novel RG activity designed to be interesting, informative and (most especially) fun! This four-hour quasi-structured seminar is designed to provide a series of science-related speakers, an opportunity for questions and answers on the material presented, and an open forum to express ideas, theories or opinions related to the topics. In Part I, Joe D'Aleo will show that although climate change is real and man plays some role, there are real questions about the degree at which it has changed and how much natural variability is a factor. In the talk, he will: address all the issues now being exposed about the accuracy of raw and adjusted climate station data, show how changes are cyclical in nature and how the sun and the oceans correlate far better than greenhouse gases with these changes, show how these same factors control the changes in our icecaps and glaciers, and present a very



different view about what is ahead than is portrayed by the so called “consensus scientists” and the seriously flawed climate models.



**1:30 p.m. Opening Round of Sudoku Tournament, Amherst Room**  
This speed-based tournament has two rounds. There will be a warm-up puzzle (which will not count for the tournament) before tournament play begins. The opening round consists of three standard (9x9) Sudoku puzzles. They may be completed in any order, and players are permitted to go back and forth between puzzles. The three fastest players to correctly finish the three puzzles move on to the finals, which occurs at 7:00 p.m. in Hospitality.



**2:00 p.m. RVC Rap, Meet 'n' Greet Room 724**  
Come by to say hello to Lori Norris, whose term as Regional Vice Chair for Region 1 began last July.



**2:00 p.m. Science Seminar, Part II:  
Wetware 101, Northwood Room**  
How is the human brain like a computer, and how is it different? Recent science fiction, especially cyberpunk, often treats the human brain like a computer, and consciousness like software. What is reasonable about this idea, and what is unreasonable? **Wil Howitt** will try to separate science fact from fantasy - with an introduction to the fledgling science of neuroinformatics, which combines biological neurophysics with computational information theory.



**2:30 p.m. Maine Mensa Confab, Meet 'n' Greet Room 724**  
RVC1 Lori Norris leads a discussion of whether the time is right for residents of Maine to form a new local group and what steps we need to take. Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm.



**2:30 p.m. Beginning Palmistry, Hollis Room**  
Reading palms is not hard - in one hour **Tchipakkan** will teach you enough of the basic skills to read your own palm and those of your friends (not that you shouldn't keep studying!). The most useful aspect of palmistry is learning about yourself, and thus gaining control of your future - and it's fun too!

### Friday

	Hospitality	Movies Room 719	Children's Room 713	Meet 'n' Greet Room 724	
PM 4:00					4:00 PM
4:30					4:30
5:00			Kids' Meet-and-Greet		5:00
5:30					5:30
6:00					6:00
6:30	The Crock Pot Cook-Off				6:30
7:00		<i>Groundhog Day</i>	Puppetmaking	Intertel Rendezvous	7:00
7:30					7:30
8:00	Ice Cream Social				8:00
8:30					8:30
8:45					8:45
9:00		<i>Ocean's Thirteen</i>	(Closed)	GenX/Y Mixer	9:00
9:30					9:30
10:00					10:00
10:30					10:30
11:00					11:00
11:30		<i>Ferris Bueller's Day Off</i>			11:30
12:00	New Year's Celebration		12:00		
12:30			12:30		
AM 1:00		(Closed)			1:00 AM

### Sunday

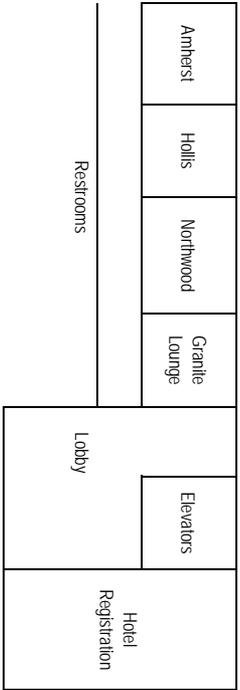
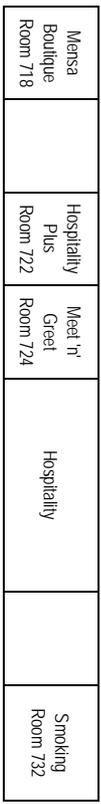
	Hospitality	Children's Room 713	Lobby	
AM 7:00				7:00 AM
8:00	Sunday Brunch	Breakfast with Friends		8:00
9:00			A Walk in the Woods	9:00
10:00		(Clean Up)		10:00
11:00	Awards and Announcements			11:00
12:00	Special Business Meeting			12:00
PM 1:00				1:00 PM

	Hospitality	Games Room 721	Movies Room 719	Children's Room 713
AM 7:00				Breakfast with Friends
8:00	Easter Breakfast			Easter Egg Hunt (in Hospitality)
9:00				
10:00			<i>Home Alone</i>	Ornament-Making
10:15				
10:30				
10:45				
11:00	Memorial Day Picnic		<i>Shrek the Third</i>	
11:30				
12:00		The Bridge Non-Tournament	<i>Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix</i>	More Crafts
12:30				
1:00				
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2:45	Multi-Holiday Celebration		<i>The Pursuit of Happyness</i>	Snow Globes
3:00				
3:15				
4:00				Mask-Making
4:30				
5:00	Fourth of July BBQ		<i>Paris Je T'aime</i>	
5:15				
6:00			<i>SuperBowl Ads</i>	Magic/Yu-Gi-Oh
7:00	Sudoku Final Round			
7:15				
7:30	Halloween Party		<i>Election</i>	All-Ages Dungeons & Dragons Game
8:00				
9:00				
9:30		Poker Tournament	<i>Hairspray</i>	
11:00	Sweetheart Valentine's Feast		<i>300</i>	
11:30				
12:00				<i>(Closed)</i>
AM 1:30			<i>(Closed)</i>	





**SEVENTH FLOOR**



**GROUND FLOOR**

# MAPS

2:45 p.m.

### Spelling Bee, Amherst Room

True story: Your game tournament director placed 52nd in the 1985 (Miami-)Dade County Spelling Bee after winning his grade school's competition, and therefore he got hooked on language and words. Today your game master acts as host, reader, judge, jury, and executioner (!) as he reads words to you! We will use a simple elimination strategy that worked well for the two-time World Series champion Boston Red Sox: if you miss a word, that's a strike. Three strikes, and you're out. Beware: There will be an unusual twist after the first few dozen words are read!



3:00 p.m.

### A Celebration of Many Holidays, Hospitality

We celebrate a wealth of holidays with cookies and milk.



3:00 p.m.

### Film: *The Pursuit of Happyness*, Movie Room 719

(2006, 117 minutes, Rated PG-13) Will Smith stars in this film about one man's quest to pass a stockbroker internship while raising a young son, and being homeless. A film that celebrates the will to succeed.



3:00 p.m.

### Snow Globes, Children's Room 713

You'll be able to make your own snow globes in this fun activity!



3:15 p.m.

### Science Seminar, Part III: Nanotechnology: Innovation, Opportunity, Risk, & Benefit, Northwood Room

Nanotechnology is a bit like a pun. You may have to think about it more than once before you understand it. Frank Dolinar has been thinking about nanotech for 20 years. As the results of research accrue and make their way into the market, Frank has found himself continuously challenged to understand the latest news and its implications. This presentation will introduce you to basic concepts and help you understand nanotech's growing capabilities. It will look at nanotech's promise, examine its risks, and discuss possible effects upon our daily lives. The future is coming sooner than you think.



4:00 p.m.

### Foam Plate Printing, Amherst Room

Join Carmelina Fauteaux for this fun workshop to create unique holiday cards by foam plate printing, a new method that does not require a printing press. Items can be adapted for all ages and



abilities, and modified from the simplest stamping method to more complicated printing techniques.



4:30 p.m.

**Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament,  
Meet 'n' Greet Room 724**

Yes, we're serious! For some strange, twisted reason, this simple child's game has become a favorite in bars and other establishments over the past few years, so we figured: why not continue with the strange and twisted reasoning...and bring it to Mensa? There are three hand gestures involved: rock (closed fist), paper (open hand, either facing up or facing down), and scissors (index and middle fingers extended). The objective is to select a gesture which defeats that of the opponent: rock smashes scissors, paper covers rock, and scissors cut paper. Each round of this tournament will run on the best-of-three system.



5:00 p.m.

**Mask-Making, Children's Room 713**

Make a mask that you can wear to tonight's Halloween party.



5:15 p.m.

**Film: *Paris Je T'aime*, Movie Room 719**

(2006, 120 minutes, Rated R for language) In English and French (with subtitles), this is eighteen short films by several directors, all celebrating the city of Paris.



6:00 p.m.

**Fourth of July BBQ, Hospitality**

Celebrate Independence Day with barbecue ribs, barbecue chicken, green salad, and much, much more!



**7:00 p.m. Final Round of the Sudoku Tournament, Hospitality**

Although only the three finalists from the opening round are permitted to play, spectators and cheerleaders are encouraged! Feel free to cheer for (or AGAINST!) your (least) favorite player. There will be a few added twists to the three 9x9 puzzles in the finals.



7:00 p.m.

**Magic/Yu-Gi-Oh, Children's Room 713**

Come join us to play Magic: The Gathering and Yu-Gi-Oh. Bring your cards!

7:00 p.m. Teen Hangout, Meet 'n' Greet Room 724  
Round up your friends and spend the evening hanging out.



7:15 p.m. SuperBowl XLII Commercials, Movie Room 719  
(2008, 7 minutes) What you'll remember from this year's SuperBowl broadcast, with very quick highlights from the game. (Game events are in reverse chronological order.)



7:30 p.m. Film: *Election*, Movie Room 719  
(1999, 103 minutes, Rated R for sexuality, language, and drug use) Celebrating Tracy Flick (Reese Witherspoon), the most ruthless female candidate for student body president in fiction. With Matthew Broderick. Resemblances to real life ruthless female seekers of very high offices are entirely coincidental. (Really.)



8:00 p.m. Halloween Party, Hospitality  
Wear your costume! Lots of goodies and ghouls will be on hand.



8:00 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons Game, Room 713  
Join John Calderbank for an ALL-AGES D&D game that goes well into the night.



9:00 p.m. Poker Tournament, Games Room 721  
We've seen all the glitz and glamour of television contests, not to mention the high stakes. Bring that to Nashua, subtract the studio audience, and you've got yourself a poker game! Rules on specifics (i.e., style of poker game, betting, and bribing the dealer) will be discussed once the game begins.



9:30 p.m. Film: *Hairspray*, Movie Room 719  
(2007, 117 minutes, PG13) Celebrating Baltimore, circa 1960s, and one zaftig girl's quest to dance on the Corny Collins show. Based on the Broadway musical, which itself is based on a non-musical 1988 movie. With John Travolta (as the mother).



11:00 p.m. Sweetheart Valentine's Feast, Hospitality  
More chocolate than can be eaten at any one RG.





11:30 p.m. **Film: 300, Movie Room 719**  
(2007, 117 minutes, Rated R for graphic violence and nudity) A visionary celebration of the historic stand of 300 Spartans against an army of over 100,000 eastern invaders at a mountain pass called the Hot Gates (“Thermoplae”). The Spartans didn’t really fight wearing little more than a red cape, but it looks cool.



1:30 a.m. **Movie Room 719 Closes**  
Celebrate a great RG. Get some rest!

## Sunday



7:00 a.m. **Children’s Room 713 Opens**



7:00 a.m. **Breakfast with Friends, Children’s Room 713**  
Bring your appetite!



8:00 a.m. **Sunday Brunch, Hospitality**  
Enjoy brunch with your friends before we wrap up the weekend’s festivities.



9:00 a.m. **A Walk in the Woods, Lobby**  
Join us for a morning constitutional into the hotel’s beautiful surrounding woods. If it’s snowy, we will stick to paved trails. Our experienced guide, John Lewicke, will meet you in the lobby on the ground floor at 9:00 a.m. Allow 1-1½ hours. We hear the Blair Witch is vacationing nearby, so maybe we’ll get a glimpse. (This is not an athletic event.)



10:00 a.m. **Children’s Room 713 Closes**  
Be sure to pick up all your crafts to bring home and show your friends!

**10:00 a.m. Awards and Announcements, Hospitality**  
Another successful RG comes to a close. We thank you for coming and hope to see you again next year!



**12:00 noon Most Rooms Close**  
Hospitality, Hospitality Plus, Meet 'n' Greet, Games, Video Games, and Smoking Rooms close. Any help cleaning them is greatly appreciated!



**12:00 noon Special Business Meeting, Hospitality**  
This Special Business Meeting is called for the New Hampshire Mensa Election Committee to make/accept candidate nominations for Executive Committee positions for the spring 2008 election. All are welcome!



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

**We'll see you next year!**

## Speaker Biographies

**Curry Bartlett** has spent the last two decades working in, managing the security for, and developing techniques to protect networked computer environments. Curry has presented at a NASA computer security conference and at the National Information Systems Security Conference, and has assisted criminal investigators. He was part of the DEC/Compaq/HP Tru64 UNIX Operating System Security Group. Mostly recently Curry has been part of a group setting up a last mile ISP in Mason, NH.

**Dr. Terry Bennett** has been a medical doctor for over 43 years and has practiced not only in many states here in America but also in numerous foreign countries including Saudi Arabia, and Morocco. Throughout it all he has been deeply involved in health care programs - designing, developing, funding, recruiting, educating and directing numerous programs for most African countries and governments. In the US he's worked medicine in such unique environments as state prisons, hospitals for the criminally insane and addiction centers. So he's no stranger to the challenges of providing quality yet affordable health care to common and affluent people alike! Very politically active, he was a candidate for a US Senate seat in 1992 and is currently actively engaged in litigation over physician's rights and limits vs. the New Hampshire Medical Board. Most recently he was vocally critical

of the role and shortcomings of our health care system in Leeland Eisenberg's recent hostage incident at Hillary Clinton's campaign office in Rochester, New Hampshire.

Dr. Terry Bennett has served in the Peace Corps, has served the underprivileged in our country and others and has established scholarship programs and other philanthropic work through his long, interesting and fruitful career. He currently practices in Rochester, New Hampshire at the Clinic on the Common.

**Jay Buckey, M.D.** is a professor of medicine and an adjunct professor of engineering at Dartmouth College. In addition to caring for patients and directing a research lab, he has taught courses on physiology, space exploration, and homeland security at Dartmouth. He earned a B.S. in electrical engineering from Cornell University and an M.D. from Cornell Medical School. After his internship, he worked as a physician specializing in space research. He also served as a Major in the U.S. Air Force Reserve for eight years; as a flight surgeon with the 457th Tactical Fighter Squadron in Fort Worth, TX, he flew in the back seat of F-4 and F-16 aircraft. In 1998, Jay flew as a Payload Specialist Astronaut on the STS-90 Neurolab mission. He and his crewmates completed 256 orbits of the Earth and logged 6.3 million miles aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia.

## Speaker Biographies

**Joe D'Aleo** has over three decades of experience as a meteorologist and climatologist. Joe is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin (BS, MS Meteorology) and did his doctoral studies in Meteorology at NYU. Joe was a Professor of Meteorology for 6 years at Lyndon State College (in Vermont) and from 1981 to 1988 was a co-founder and the first Director of Meteorology at the cable TV Weather Channel.

From 1989 to 2004, Joe was Chief Meteorologist at WSI and Senior Editor and "Dr Dewpoint" for WSI's popular Intellicast.com web site.

Joe has considerable media experience, having been weather producer for WCBS TV and radio in New York City from 1971-1974, and the CBS television network show *Energy* in 1973. He was a weather producer for ABC's *Good Morning America* from 1980-1981 while designing The Weather Channel with John Coleman, TV meteorologist at *GMA*. While at WSI, Joe frequently appeared on network interviews for ABC Discovery, ABC, CNN, and many local network affiliates often addressing factors related to severe weather, seasonal snowfall, and climate change.

Joe is a Certified Consultant Meteorologist and was elected a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society. He has served as chairman of the American Meteorological Society's Committee on Weather Analysis and Forecasting, and has chaired or co-chaired several national

conferences. Joe is currently a Councilor for the AMS.

Joe is currently Executive Director of Icecap, an organization and website devoted to climate change issues (<http://icecap.us>).

He has authored and presented a number of papers as well as published a book focused on how research into ENSO and other atmospheric and oceanic phenomena has made skillful seasonal and even decadal forecasts possible. Mr. D'Aleo has also authored many articles and made numerous presentations on the roles cycles in the sun and oceans have played in climate change.

**Frank Dolinar** began following the development of nanotechnology in 1986 after reading *Engines of Creation*, K. Eric Drexler's first book. Since 1992, he has given presentations on nanotechnology for classes at Michigan State University, corporate seminars, business groups, technical groups and over the last year-and-a-half for numerous Mensa RGs. He writes essays examining the history, current topics, trends, and implications of various technologies, including nanotechnology. He is a graduate of Lyman Briggs College at Michigan State University.

Frank is the President of nanoSteps of East Lansing, Michigan; a consultant for the Firefly Consulting Group of Lexington, Kentucky; and a software developer for the Michigan House of Representatives.

## Speaker Biographies

**Carmelina Fauteaux** is a fine artist and art teacher. She holds both BFA and MAT degrees. While attending Plymouth State University, Annette Mitchell introduced her to foam plates as a new artistic medium. Carmelina fell in love with foam plate printing; she believes everybody has the potential to create art.

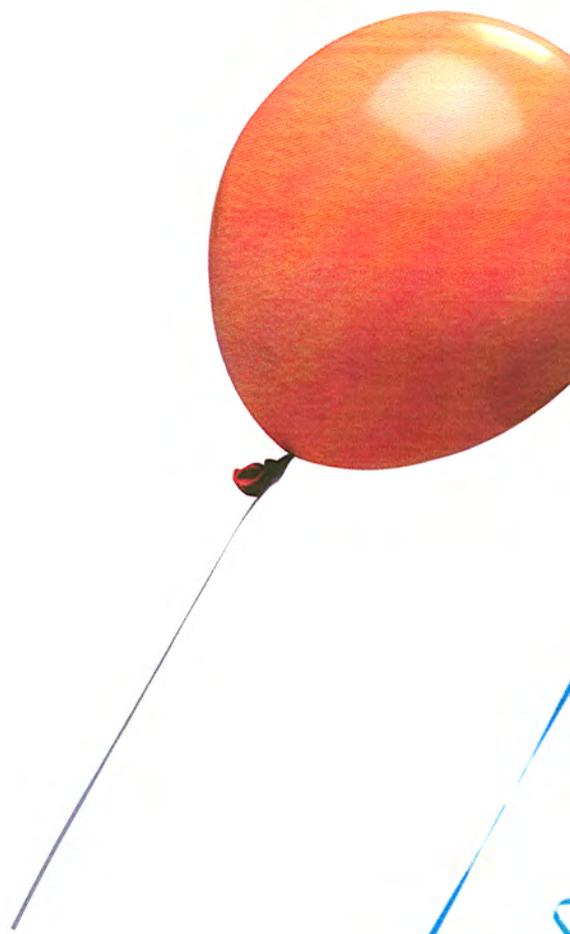
**Joseph “Java Joe” Haber** has been playing poker for over 30 years. In February, 2006 he decided to take the next step in improving his game by enrolling in the World Poker Tour Boot Camp to learn how to play tournament no-limit poker.

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