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2017 NHJPA Events

We have two meetings
a year that provide
information about the
association.

Annual Member Meeting

Sunday, March 19th
Valentino's Restaurant
Hudson, NH
Time: Noon

Board Meeting Tuesday, October 3

Educational Meeting
Sunday, November 5
Cheers Restaurant
Concord, NH

NHJPA



Times

Winter 2017

NHJPA Annual Meeting

SAVE the DATE - Sunday, March 19

Join us and network with other NHJPA members.



NHJPA's Bob Bates will demonstrate the 'Arras' ceremony—"The 13 Gold Coins", a [Hispanic Traditional Ceremony](#).

Location: Valentino's Restaurant
142 Lowell Road Hudson, NH

Time: Noon

Attendees will be responsible for the cost of lunch chosen from a limited menu.
There will be a charity raffle to benefit a New Hampshire Soup Kitchen.



November 6, 2016 Educational Seminar

NHJPA's keynote speaker, Wendy Thomas, presented the group with her very informative presentation "How to Get Noticed on the Internet". She offered helpful hints such as having a blog on your website, Facebook pages and Twitter. A great Business Card tip to add a photo and 'special' stock to make it stand out from the others. Ms. Thomas highly recommended Moo.com as a resource for business cards. A Pro Tip she offered is to 'friend' your Local Town Facebook and Community Page identifying yourself as a Justice of the Peace/Notary.

We had a raffle for Wendy's charity of choice for Lyme Disease. The raffle winners were NHJPA's member Martha Clement, Dawn McMillan and Mariann "Riann" Lewis.

Check our website for updates—www.nhjpa.org

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Welcome

A hearty welcome to NHJPA's newest members

Kathy Ann Cellamare, Nashua
 Cynthia Dumont, North Hampton
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Membership Renewal

Annual membership dues of \$50.00 are due payable by July 1, 2017 or at the Annual Member Meeting March 19. Make your check Payable to NHOA and mail to:

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NHJPA Mission Statement

The New Hampshire Justice of the Peace Association promotes Professionalism and Integrity by requiring members to comply with a Code of Ethics and provides Education through meetings, workshops and networking.

Member Benefits

The New Hampshire Justice of the Peace Association (NHJPA) was established in October 2014. It is registered in Concord as the New Hampshire Officiants Association (NHOA). It was established to support and educate Justices of the Peace in New Hampshire. All Justices of the Peace are welcome.

Members have the following benefits:

- Listing on 2 Websites www.nhjpa.org and www.findajp.net
- Referrals from other Members
- Professional Support from other Members
- The opportunity to help the organization become stronger by serving on the Board
- Information such as presented in this newsletter
- Information regarding changes in the law
- *Annual Meeting is held in the Spring. This meeting provides networking opportunities, meaningful ceremony inclusions, and NHJPA organization updates
- *Educational Seminar with Guest Speaker is held annually
- Facebook & LinkedIn

A Winni Cruise Wedding

by Robert Bates, NHJPA Secretary



Nephew Joey and fiancée Sarah asked me to perform their September wedding. The wedding would take place on a boat on Lake Winnepesaukee on a very cool late September morning. As I sat (and e-mailed) with them, I learned they wanted a ceremony that would combine both Christian and Jewish traditions, Joey being a devout Catholic and Sarah an equally devout Jew. When I pressed them for details, they - somewhat breezily, I thought - replied, “You can handle it, Uncle Bob. We’ll go along with whatever you come up with.”

That sent me scrambling to learn what the Jewish wedding traditions actually were. Sharon and I had been to a wedding at the Temple in Nashua, but that was long before I was paying much attention to anything more than the refreshments at the party afterwards. Nonetheless, with the help of the Internet, I eventually devised a ceremony that suited their fancies.

As Officiant (and as close family) Sharon and I were invited to the dinner the evening before, and there we met Sarah’s parents, grandmother and siblings. And it was here I learned that Samuel, her dad, is a Rabbi. This was not just a little daunting.

I was taken aback by this revelation, but he seemed to be a sensible, easy enough going man, so I took him aside and reviewed my ceremony with him. Lo and behold, Rabbi Stegman actually liked what he saw. In what I took as his blessing on the ceremony, he asked if I’d like to wear a yarmulke during the wedding. I determined with him to put it on midway during the ceremony, as the early parts were mostly of Catholic tradition, with the later parts largely from Jewish tradition.



The morning of the wedding dawned cool with a brisk northwest wind. We filed onto the boat and cruised out to as sheltered a cove as the Captain could find. I arrayed the participants facing one another (so the guests could see at least their profiles, not the backsides, during the short service), Joey and his party on my left, Sarah and her group at my right. Sarah’s young sister, Jodie, even before we started, was shivering almost uncontrollably.

Midway through the service, I turned and donned the yarmulke. Now I’d never worn a yarmulke before, and I quickly examine the leather crown which was neatly folded in half. Some thoughtful person had attached a couple of bobby pins to help secure it in breezy weather. I removed them, as they were of no value to me whatsoever, and placed the four inch cap atop my bald head - and prayed it would stay. As it turned out, it sat nearly skin-tight on my scalp, and the breeze couldn’t lift it. Or God held it there. Now there’s an awe-inspiring thought!

As the ceremony ended, I pronounced them husband and wife, and prompted them to kiss one another. At this point I reached to break the kiss by turning them, with some smart-aleck remark like, “OK, that’s enough, break it up,” but instead of turning to face the wedding guests, Joey and Sarah turned in toward me. I tugged on their shoulders to spin them around to face their guests, but they had me in a group hug, each sobbing on a shoulder. They broke it up soon, and I was able then to present the teary-eyed Mr. and Mrs. Joey and Sarah Jones.

We scampered off the windy deck pretty quickly afterward! Sarah’s blue-lipped, shivering sister may have led the way.



The Best Wedding Dates of 2017

by Kristin Doherty

(excerpt from original article)

February 11, 2017. Another pop quiz coming your way: What's the similarity between 2, 11 and 17? They're all prime numbers! For a truly prime wedding day, you could choose this date or 3/11/17, 5/13/17, 7/29/2017 or 11/11/2017 (all Saturdays).

Friday, March 17, 2017. Want to celebrate like the Irish do? St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday, this year, so you could have a wedding complete with green decor, Irish music, and plenty of Guinness to go around.

Saturday, April 1, 2017. If you love a good laugh and don't mind a few harmless pranks, you'll have tons of fun with an April Fool's Day wedding. But if the thought of something going wrong freaks you out, maybe avoid this date.

Friday, May 12, 2017. Last math quiz (promise!): What's the relationship between 5, 12, and 17? Answer: $5 + 12 = 17$. This subtle numerical pattern is one that many of your guests won't even notice, but you'll always remember it. (The same goes for October 7, 2017, which is a Saturday.)

Memorial Day Weekend. Craving that long weekend wedding? Memorial Day in 2017 is on the 29th, so a wedding on the 26th, 27th, or 28th would all be great choices.

July 14 or 15, 2017. Remember the *palindrome week we talked about in 2016? There's one in 2017, also starting on the 10th of the month. Unfortunately the 10th is a Monday, but event the 14th and 15th are Friday and Saturday, and they're still palindromes.

Labor Day Weekend. Relish in an extra day of post-nuptial relaxation heading back to the real world. This year's Labor Day falls on September 4 — go for a wedding on the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.

What Is a Palindrome?

* A Palindrome reads the same forward and backwards. Examples are the words civic, level, madam. Civic spelled forward is c..i..v..i..c and spelled backwards is c..i..v..i..c.

There are a total of 38 palindrome dates in the 21st Century, in the month/day/year date format, as calculated by Aziz Inan, an electrical engineering professor at the University of Portland. There are a 26 seven-digit dates, and 12 eight-digit dates, the latter of which are marked in bold below. i.e. In 2017, people who write their dates in the m-dd-yy format will be treated to 10 consecutive days of palindromic dates. Couples interested in numerology might choose to be married this year between the dates from July 10, 2017 (7-10-17) to July 19, 2017 (7-19-17) will have a palindromic date. For more info and dates go to <https://www.timeanddate.com/date/palindrome-day.html>

Spams You Should be Aware of

- shared by Judith Wilhelmy, NHJPA President



I recently got a phone call congratulating me for being voted the best JP in New Hampshire. I was flattered of course. Until I found out he was just selling plaques! I could get any size or any wood finish. I could even choose what I wanted the plaque to say. I declined.



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