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Justice of the Peace
Association

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NHJPA Events 2016

Annual Meeting
Sunday, March 13
Tortilla Flat Mexican
Restaurant
Merrimack, NH

Board Meeting
Sunday, September 18
Valentino's Restaurant
Hudson, NH
Time: 11:30am

A Chuckle a Day!



*Happy is the man
who finds a true
friend, and far
happier is he who
finds that true friend
in his wife.*

- Franz Schubert

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Times

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Annual NHJPA Meeting

Sunday, March 13

Improve Communication with your Clients !



Join us at our upcoming Annual Meeting, Sunday, March 13, 2016. Meet our Guest Speaker, Dr. Beth Ann Jacques. Dr. Jacques is an expert on interpersonal communication. She is an audiologist with New England Audiology with offices in Concord and Manchester. She did her undergraduate work at the University of Florida and her postgraduate studies at UMass Amherst.

Dr. Jacques's presentation will be twofold. First she will provide ideas to improve communication when we first meet with the Bride and Groom. How does our body language and words build confidence and communicate that we are knowledgeable, friendly, and the perfect person to officiate at their wedding? Secondly she will give suggestions for ways to be better understood during the ceremony. She will explain how certain rhyming words or voice fluctuations can be misinterpreted by wedding guests even if they are not hearing impaired. Her friendly personality, wealth of knowledge and attention to detail will provide us with an interesting learning experience. There will be a Q and A period following the presentation. Don't forget to bring your business cards.

To Register email: Kristen Lochhead — jpkristen@yahoo.com

Date: Sunday, March 13, 2016

Time: Noon

Location: [Tortilla Flat Mexican Restaurant](#)
595 Daniel Webster Hwy Merrimack, NH

(Click on Tortilla Flat Mexican Restaurant above for directions)



Lunch Menu Options

(\$16.00 per person includes one of the following choices)

1. Large Vegetarian nachos w/guacamole and sour cream
2. Hamburg w/fries
3. Taco salad w/choice of beef, chicken or beans
4. A la carte Quesadilla w/cheese and choice of chicken, beef or vegetable
5. One burrito, choice of beef or chicken, served with rice or beans

(Choice of Soda, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade/tax/gratuity included)

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Welcome

A hearty welcome to NHJPA's newest member Steven A Lambert of Glen, NH. Steve is the Innkeeper of the Bernerhof Inn in Glen, NH. Give Steven a shout at Stay@BernerhofInn.com and visit his website bernerhofinn.com

Membership Renewal

Irwin Bluestein, Treasurer, will be collecting the annual dues renewals of \$50.00 at the annual meeting. Please make checks out to NHOA.

Annual Meeting Pre-Announcements !

- **New Website coming soon to promote NHJPA members !**
- Board positions will be modified at the Annual Meeting and a new position of Chairperson of Education and Partnerships will be created. (Bylaws Amendments)

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 to promote 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 Websites
- 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 meetings held in the spring which provide:
 - Networking opportunities
 - Informative speaker
 - Information about ceremony inclusions such as “Baby Reveal” and “Family Formation Bouquet”
- Facebook & LinkedIn



Recent Changes

Marriage Laws of Connecticut

Senate Bill No. 991 Public Act No. 15-74

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 46b-22 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2015):

(a) Persons authorized to solemnize marriages in this state include (1) all judges and retired judges, either elected or appointed, including federal judges and judges of other states who may legally join persons in marriage in their jurisdictions, (2) family support magistrates, state referees and justices of the peace who are appointed in Connecticut, and (3) all ordained or licensed members of the clergy, belonging to this state or any other state[, as long as they continue in the work of the ministry. All marriages solemnized according to the forms and usages of any religious denomination in this state, including marriages witnessed by a duly constituted Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is, are valid. All marriages attempted to be celebrated by any other person are void.

Approved June 19, 2015 [Senate Bill No. 991, Public Act No. 15-74](#)

457:29 NH Marriage License Fee

The fee for the marriage license shall be [~~\$45~~] \$50 to be paid by the parties entering into the marriage. The clerk shall forward [~~\$38~~] \$43 from each fee to the department of health and human services for the purposes of RSA 173-B:15. The clerk shall retain the remaining \$7 as the fee for making the records of notice, issuing the certificate of marriage, and forwarding the [~~\$38~~] \$43 portion of the marriage license fee. 244:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

Approved: July 13, 2015
Effective Date: July 1, 2015



JUST IN !!!

New Hampshire House Bill 1596

Bill Title: Changing the Marriage License requirement to a requirement that couples obtain a certificate of notice of intent to marry and a certificate of marriage.

Status: The Judiciary Committee Vetoed this bill inexpedient to legislate 16 to 0.....

(Introduced) 2016-01-20 - Executive Session: 01/27/2016 01:00 PM Legislative Office Building 208
[\[HB1596 Detail\]](#) **Download:** [New_Hampshire-2016-HB1596-Introduced.html](#)

— What Makes a Great Officiant ? —

As an officiant, you'll be using the skills and traits in the following list. If you feel rusty in a particular area, you may want to brush up.

- **PUBLIC SPEAKING.** You can speak in public; in fact, you rather enjoy it—especially from a script you don't have to memorize.
- **LISTENING.** You know how to listen carefully. This will help you get to know what the wedding couple really wants. And on stage, during the ceremony, you must be able to listen for any unexpected things that crop up so you can handle them.
- **RESOURCEFULNESS.** You can write a draft of the wedding ceremony, and if your couple asks for optional readings or ceremony rituals that you aren't familiar with, you know how to research online, or in your library.
- **ORGANIZATION.** You'll create a file with your notes about the wedding. You'll print your script and put it in a binder. You'll receive the marriage license before the wedding and keep it safe with the script. After the wedding, you'll make a copy of the license for your files and then mail the original license to the right address.
- **RELIABILITY.** You show up on time, which means early.
- **WILLINGNESS.** Patience. Kindness. Humor.
- **FLEXIBILITY.** You are able to roll with any punches and ad lib as needed.

Once you know that you have the qualities you'll need, you've taken the first step toward feeling confident in your new role as an officiant.

Source: The Wedding Officiants Guide, Lisa Francesca

DID YOU KNOW?

New Hampshire Justice of the Peace and Notary Public: AFTER COMMISSIONED BY GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL your oath of office must be in the presence of two Justices of the Peace OR one Notary Public and one Justice of the Peace. Those who sign your oath should also sign your commission. Notary Public also need a Justice of the Peace signature on their application.

sos.nh.gov/JP.aspx sos.nh.gov/NP.aspx

Members: We are always looking for news and information you may want to share in our Newsletter. Feel free to contact Nancy Lavalley nalavalley@comcast.net



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