

## NHJPA

New Hampshire  
Justice of the Peace  
Association

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### NHJPA Coming Events

2015

#### Board Meeting

Sunday, Sept 20th, 2015  
Valentino's Restaurant  
Hudson, NH  
11:30am

2016

#### Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 13, 2016

#### A Chuckle a Day!



Two antennas met  
on a roof, fell in love  
and got married.

The ceremony  
wasn't notable, but  
the reception was  
GREAT!

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# Times

First Edition

August 2015

## Welcome

Hello, Members!

Welcome to our first edition of the NHJPA Times!

We will publish an edition of this newsletter a few times a year. Some of the material will be put on the website, but only samples of the information provided here.

Please feel free to share this information with potential members so they can see the benefits of joining. There are many thousands of Justices of the Peace in New Hampshire. We received a list from Concord, but there is no way of knowing how many are actually officiating at weddings or actively involved in other Justice of the Peace duties.

Please help us spread the word! The more members we have the stronger we will become.

Our First Annual Meeting March 29, 2015 was a wonderful success. It was a pleasure to meet members from across the state and to get lots of useful ideas from our speaker, Justice Jeff DeMarco.

Let us know if you know anyone who would make a good speaker at our next meeting!

Thank you to Nancy Lavalley, our Vice President for designing our logo. It tells who we are!

Thank you so much for all that all of you have done already to contribute to the success of NHJPA!

Sincerely,

Judith Wilhelmy  
President, NHJPA



### 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.

## Officers of the NHJPA



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## History of the NHJPA

Judith Wilhelmy met Nancy Lavalley at a Justice of the Peace meeting in Connecticut in 2013. Although it was open to JPs across the country, the content was mainly for CT. They decided to pursue creating one for New Hampshire and proceeded to obtain information about other JP organizations, create a set of By-Laws and obtain information about JPs in NH. The Organizational Meeting was held October 5, 2014, the By-Laws were ratified and the Treasurer was authorized to

Register the association in Concord and open a bank account for the association. The first Annual Meeting was held March 29 at Valentino's in Hudson. Jeff DeMarco was the guest speaker and inspired everyone to pursue more free advertising avenues with his numerous suggestions. He was a wonderful resource and provided much needed information. We had Election Officers and Bob Bates won the door prize!



## Recent Changes in the Marriage Laws of New Hampshire

Prior to the passage of Senate Bill 394 last year, if a person had a civil union in a state other than NH, and wanted to marry the same person in NH, the relationship had to be dissolved, which meant that the couple no longer had any legal relationship until the wedding. The passage of Bill 394 eliminated the need to dissolve the Civil Union prior to the wedding.

The Marriage Application now has a place to

make a name change if one is desired. The certified copy of the wedding certificate with the name change can then be taken to the Social Security Administration and Dept. of Motor Vehicles and used for obtaining a new passport.

If a couple marries in NH and returns to a state that does not recognize the marriage, then the couple would need to go to their local court to get a court ordered name change.

## Wedding Facts

### TIME MAGAZINE

Issue July 6 - July 13, 2015

Time magazine provided some interesting information for the bridal industry.

- New Hampshire has a below average number of single women over 21.
- New Hampshire has the largest number of pizza restaurants per capita in the United States.
- **1991:** The year of the first gay marriage depicted on prime time TV
- **16,500:** the estimated number of mail order brides entering the US per year
- **5%:** the estimated number of couples in a committed relationship or married who met on line.
- **\$31,213:** the average amount American couples spend on their weddings not including their honeymoon. (a bit more than the NH average....see information gathered (below) and compiled 2 years ago and projected for the future.

### 2015—The Wedding Report, Inc.

- Only a few facts can be stated here, but the full report will be available at the annual meeting.
- All information here is gathered for the state of New Hampshire only.

#### Ages of People Getting Married

Age	Percent	No. of Weddings
15-19	3.5%	335
20-24	18%	1,719
25-29	24.8%	2,360
30-34	15.8%	1,510
35-39	9.6%	917
40-44	7.4%	707
45-49	6.5%	618
50-54	5.4%	515
55-59	3.7%	350
60-64	2.5%	240
65+	2.8%	266

#### Wedding Officiants

The average pay for wedding officiants at 8,965 weddings was \$226.00

#### Locations

65.9% of the weddings are within 25 miles of home.

#### Guests

30% of the weddings have between 101 and 150 guests.

#### Average Spending for a Wedding by Race

White/Caucasian	\$33,787
Black/African American	\$16,118
Asian	\$34,717
Other	\$24,488
Hispanic/Latino	\$18,598

## 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. From May 10th of this year to May 19th the dates were palindromes. 5-10-15 backwards is 51015. Couples interested in numerology might choose to be married next year between the dates 6-11-16 and 6-19-16 since all of those dates are palindromes. For more info and dates go to <http://www.livescience.com/33583-palindrome-dates-21st-century-weird.html>

## NH Facts

The Hudson, NH 2015 Community Information Packet Provides the Following Information:



- The State of NH Seal depicts the frigate, Raleigh, the first ship built for the US Navy in the Portsmouth shipyard.
- State Rock: Granite
- State Insect: Ladybug
- State Tree: White Birch
- Bird: Purple Finch
- Flower: Purple Lilac
- Wildflower: Lady slipper
- Was settled in 1623
- Has 9,304 square miles
- Has 234 towns and cities
- Has 1,300 lakes and ponds
- 40,000 miles of rivers and streams
- Has 17.9 miles of oceanfront
- Has 45 covered bridges

## 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 but Justices of the Peace in all New England states are welcome.

Members have the following benefits:

- Listing on Website
- 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”
- Available Reference material too lengthy to include in a Newsletter
- Facebook JP forum 