

And Now for Something Almost but Not Quite Completely Different

PAMALOT

The Meaning of Life of Brain Live at Drury Inn

Carolinah Regional Gathering

March 7 – 9, 2025

Greenville, South Carolina

Whether your mother was a hamster and your father smelt of elderberries or you simply enjoy a bit of light taunting of an evening, who among us doesn't love the absurdist humour (because it's British) of Monty Python? And when the Piedmont Area Mensa (PAM) Regional Gathering Committee members were throwing rocks, darts, and theme ideas for 2025 at each other, and someone realized the dates would coincide precisely with the 55.5th anniversary of the premiere of *Monty Python's Flying Circus*, it all clicked into place like a clicky thing clicking into another clicky thing with a satisfying, um, click.

Join us for a weekend of Pythonesque (it's a real word, look it up) entertainment. You won't be able to swing a dead parrot without hitting a presenter, game, or trivia event. Just don't expect the Spanish Inquisition.

Full-weekend registrations are \$75 through January 5, 2025; \$85 from January 6, 2025, through February 28, 2025; and \$95 from March 1, 2025, and beyond, with a weekend walk-in rate of \$100. To encourage families to join in the fun, PAM is offering a \$40 registration rate for ages 7-12 and a \$60 registration rate for ages 13-20.

RG registration includes all programs and activities, beverages and snacks in our hospitality suite, and lunch on Saturday. Hotel or RG registrations include Drury's free hot morning breakfast and free dinnertime foods and drinks. You can register on line by visiting our web site at <https://www.piedmontareamensa.org/>. (NOTE: The RG registration form is also available as a fillable PDF.)

The 2025 Carolinah RG will once again be held at the Drury Inn & Suites Greenville SC, which is offering room rates of \$140 per night for regular rooms, either king or double queen, or \$170 per night for suites, either king or double queen, up to the cutoff date of February 14, 2025, or until sold out. Call 1-800-325-0720 and give the representative our Group Number **10104386**. You can also reserve on line by visiting <http://www.druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation/?groupno=10104386>. (See back of form for complete hotel details.)

CAROLINAH RG 2025 ♦ GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Name or nickname to display on your badge: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

First time attending Carolinah RG? Yes No Hell's M's? Yes No Age (if registrant is under 21): _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Optional: Please tell us an interesting or little-known fact about yourself that you wouldn't mind sharing: _____

Make checks payable to "Piedmont Area Mensa." (Please call or send e-mail to request credit card instructions.)

Mail registration to: Mary Ann Cox, 509 Bethel Drive, Mauldin SC 29662-1840

Phone: (864) 963-2335

E-mail: registrar@piedmontareamensa.org

HOW ARE YOU PAYING? CASH CHECK CREDIT CARD ON LINE

Drury Inn & Suites Greenville SC

10 Carolina Point Parkway

Greenville, South Carolina 29607

(864) 288-4401 Reservations: 1-800-325-0720 **Group Number 10104386**

<https://www.druryhotels.com/locations/Greenville-SC/Drury-Inn-and-Suites-Greenville>



The 2024 Carolinah RG will take place at the Drury Inn & Suites Greenville SC, where we again will kick back, relax, and play in one of our favorite hotels. Despite rising hotel costs nationwide, the Drury Inn & Suites still offers reasonable rates.

The staff of the Drury Inn & Suites Greenville SC want you encourage you to enjoy your stay in Greenville! They achieve this goal by making just about everything included. Be sure to plan your arrival in time for Drury's free 5:30 Kickback® reception with beverages and hot foods from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. In the morning, enjoy the free hot Quickstart breakfast to get ready for a full day of Carolinah RG activities. (Drury's 5:30 Kickback® reception and hot Quickstart breakfast are also available to those who are registered for the 2025 Carolinah RG but who are not registered guests of the hotel.)

Equipped with Drury's free wireless Internet access throughout the hotel, you'll be able to check your e-mail as often as you like—though you'll probably be too busy enjoying RG activities to spend much time on line! When you do need time to take a break from revelry, you can enjoy Drury's free indoor swimming pool or hot tub or burn off a few calories in the exercise room. Parking on site is also free.

Carolinah RG 2025 weekend room rates at the Drury Inn & Suites – Greenville SC are, per night: \$140 for a Standard Room, King or Double Queen, or \$170 for a Suite, King or Double Queen. Rates are guaranteed until the cutoff date of Friday, February 14, 2025, *or until sold out*. Reservations received after the rates close will be confirmed on a space-available basis at then prevailing rates, subject to availability. To reserve your room, call 1-800-325-0720 and specify **Group Number 10104386**. Alternatively, you can book on line at <http://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=10104386>. Remember, you *must* identify yourself as part of **Group Number 10104386** to obtain the Mensa RG room rate.

****NOTE** Our reserved block of rooms includes the option for guests to reserve an extra night (Sunday) at the same per-night rate for those who might wish to stay past the "official" end of the gathering and enjoy some extra time. Please pay close attention when reserving your room and adjust the number of nights as you desire.**

Drury Inn & Suites Greenville SC is conveniently located just off Interstate 85 at Woodruff Road (Exit 51, SC-146), close to The Shops at Greenridge and Magnolia Park, two of Greenville's shopping and dining destinations. It's also just minutes from the nightlife of downtown Greenville via I-385, with all the attractions this award-winning Upstate region has to offer. Why not plan to extend your stay and visit the stunning Liberty Bridge or the vibrant West End arts district? For more sightseeing ideas, visit the Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau web site at www.visitgreenvillesc.com. And if you choose to stay over an extra night—or simply live close by—you can join a few of us Sunday evening after the close of the RG as we continue the merriment at a nearby public establishment.

*The Fine Print: Drury's 5:30 Kickback® and hot morning Quickstart breakfast are available at no charge for registered overnight hotel guests and for registered RG attendees. All room rates apply for one to four persons and do not include taxes. Be sure to reserve your room early to ensure the best choice. You must specify **Group Number 10104386** to be assured of obtaining the Carolinah RG rate, subject to availability. Rates are guaranteed until February 14, 2025, *or until sold out!* Small dogs and cats are accepted; see hotel web site for specific pet policy details. Check-in time is 3:00 P.M.; regular check-out time is 11:00 A.M. There is no hotel airport shuttle, but limousine service is available from and to Greenville-Spartanburg Airport (GSP), about 8 miles away, at prevailing local rates.*

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT INFORMATION

(Include with registration form on other side)

Age(s) of Registrant(s), if under 21: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

First time attending Carolinah RG: Yes No Hell's M's Member: Yes No

Do you plan to bring an animal of any kind (includes pets and service animals): Yes No

Do you require vegetarian food options: Yes No

Optional: Please tell us an interesting or little-known fact about yourself that you wouldn't mind sharing:

Optional: Would you like to volunteer at our 2024 RG (for example, in Hospitality or at Registration)?
