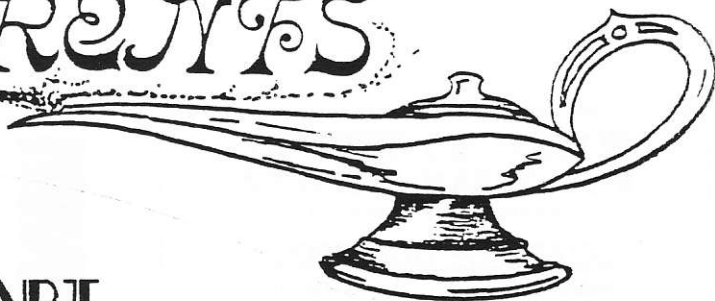


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HAPPY NEW DECADE!

And from the looks of it, 1990 will be a great year for Ring Seventy Six, as was 1989. The official Ring membership now stands at one hundred and sixteen - rapidly approaching our all time high of one hundred and twenty six last summer! And, on that subject, your 1990 membership roster is included with this issue of *MAGICURRENTS* - and, as usual, I ask that you take a very good look at street addresses, phone numbers, zip codes, etc. to make sure we've got it all correct. Give me a call anytime at 569-0096 with corrections and I'll get 'em into the data bank. (Please help - I hate getting these back from the post office!) I am also including an interesting letter from **Ernie NASSIMBENE** regarding the *PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION OF MAGICIANS (PCAM)* and future PCAM Conventions. **Ernie** has long been a driving force within the PCAM; his letter describes some "get-well" concepts to overcome the fact that the last several PCAM Conventions have not fared too well financially. The PCAM is an organization of magic clubs on the west coast, Japan and Hawaii. It was created, way back, for the sole purpose of holding an annual convention. Magic Clubs pay

dues in the PCAM, individuals do not; but this concept is under examination, along with the other ideas expressed in the letter. Lots of food for thought. Please think on it a bit; your ideas will be solicited at future meetings, regular and board. Who knows - maybe SAN DIEGO would be ready for another magic convention in the nineties. If anyone is planning to attend the PCAM Convention in Oxnard, February Sixteenth through Nineteenth, please let me know so that we can be represented.

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Prez's Mezzage

Remember when Josef "Magic Chef" Rennleitner used to come to meetings? Whether there or at Brad's shop, he always had his close-up case with him, always dabbling, always pleasant. He hasn't been to a meeting for over a year, now--but! with good reason. Josef has opened a restaurant in the Village Encinitas Plaza (267 North El Camino Real) by the name of L'Affaire. After recently eating there, I think the name translates into "love affair with food". Josef has assembled an exquisite, inexpensive, and extensive menu. Entrees range from \$6.95 to \$11.95 and come with soup and salad, with a choice of potatoes, pasta, or rice pilaf. The quality of the meal was superb. Josef performs more than one kind of presdidgitation. As Jeff Busby is wont to say, "Highly recommended".

Speaking of eating, wasn't the Christmas Banquet marvelous? Kudos to VI Freeland and Lori Barreto and "JP" for a job well done. Thanks to the entertainers Judy and Maria, and Calagarti.

See you at the meeting.

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LEAD STORY (Cont. from Page 1)

Too bad the Xmas Show for the American Legion on December Twenty Second didn't work out better, but many thanks to all the volunteers who performed. **Jessie JUDGE**, **Loch CRANE**, **Don HALBERG** and several of the juniors with our stage manager, **Jay MALONE**, all contributed to pay our annual "dues". Unfortunately, **Frank SYREN**, and a couple of other juniors (Thanks **J.P.** -- Publisher) were preempted by SANTA (a tough act to follow). Next year maybe we can get a little better control of the program so that all of our volunteers can get "on".

Our first meeting of the New Year is on Monday, the Fifteenth of January - our ANNUAL AUCTION will be on Washington's Birthday, February Nineteenth, and we hope to have our annual lecturer in March. Lastly, for those of you who like this sort of thing: Volume II, Number Seven of your **MAGICURRENTS** and contributions are always WELCOME. See ya Monday night.

DECEMBER MEETING

... or what you missed.

An extraordinary XMAS Pot-Luck Dinner was our December event with over 80 folks present. Food galore, great Xmas decor, super entertainment and a fantastic "MERRY XMAS RING 76" cake by new member **Gloria BOSWORTH** - AND six new members! **MAGICAL Vi FREELAND** and **Lori BARRETO** did incredible jobs with table set-ups and lovely Xmas centerpieces, and then supervised the food tables for a most bountiful feast. Member **Judy TAYLOR** and her friend, **Marla**, provided delightful entertainment with guitar and voices during the social hour with very nice combinations of Country-Western, Popular, Old Favorites and sing-along Xmas Music. And then the "chow line" formed and away we went - the cold salads were chill, the hot dishes hot and the deserts went on forever. Everyone got fed very well and the leftovers were at a minimum. Hi-lights included several buckets of fried chicken, crock pots of exotic bean dishes, lasagna, oriental chicken, meat balls, **Bob ALLEN**'s individual mince pies and the aforementioned Xmas Cake with magic Santa.

President **Dick DALE** provided the official WELCOME and appropriate thanks to all concerned for jobs well done, and introduced Second Vice President **Bob INGALLS** as M/C for the evening. **Bob** expressed his thanks and introduced **Don HALBACH** who is chief organizer and head coordinator for our Junior affiliate: **THE SAN DIEGO JUNIOR MAGICIANS**. **Don** opened with the Mental Prediction, "NO", and then did a nice **WALKING THROUGH ROPES** mini-illusion with our SGT-AT-ARMS, **Sherry LUFT**. **Don** explained that several of his "juniors" had planned to make their debuts as part of the evening's entertainment but were

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VINCENT THE MAGICIAN

by Jim Whiting



right then performing at a school function which left only Charter Junior Member **Logan HALE**. Logan made his debut with a well done presentation of "*ASTRO-BLAST*" - vanished a silk with a long barreled pistol with its instant reappearance inside a shattered light bulb.

Bob INGALLS provided a nice filler with "thanks" to **Logan** for letting him (**Bob**) "pal around" with **Logan** on Saturdays at *BRAD BURT'S MAGIC SHOP*, with his incredible soft-shoe routine (cardiac shuffle is better), and by offering to show us his incision again (a weekly event). For more filler he regaled us with stories (question mark) of his cardiac exercise class, complete with demonstration, and was about to repeat the soft shoe when **Dave (CALIGARTI) NELSON** announced that the show was ready.

It was a classic and traditional silent stage act. To theme music from 2001, Scheherazade, and several other great selections, **CALIGARTI** did beautiful silk productions, a slick dove production, a fooler glass of wine production, a very clean cut/restored ribbon effect, and a tremendous presentation of the "*KUMA TUBES*" with miles of streamers, a huge chain of thirty six inch silks, and a bunny finale from the bundle of silk.

Next he did a nice interlude with a *TORN & RESTORED NEWSPAPER* (corner tear) and then produced two silks from the crumpled paper which he used for a clever knot transposition effect and a classy linking and unlinking silk loop routine. A stretching silk production followed, the bunny vanished in a nice clean take-apart cage, he did a slow serpent silk, and went into a huge fountain of silks production with more streamers and a six foot *RABBIT IN HAT* silk finish. The bunny reappeared in a fall-apart water bucket (into which *KUMA TUBE* Lota had been emptied many times), and as helper **Vi FREELAND**'s bouquet of flowers changed into a feather parasol, **CALIGARTI**

produced the biggest Botania I've ever seen - at least eight feet tall and very appropriate as an "Xmas Tree" Botania finish to a great act. All in all, a very nice Xmas "do" for RING SEVENTY SIX.

BOARD MEETING

The Board met on January Third at *Brad Burt's Magic Shop* with **Brad BURT**, **Dick & Julie DALE**, **Sherry LUFT**, **J.P. JACKSON**, **Don HALBACH**, and **Mike KLIGMAN**. The Board approved eighty dollars in expenses for the Xmas Pot-Luck dinner place settings, paper plates, cups, napkins, etc. and thirteen reusable plastic table covers.

Possible lecturers for our March meeting were discussed. Continued efforts will be made to contact several candidates for a firm booking. Current, average lecture fees were discussed with the result that the Board agreed to a maximum expense of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars. The problem with the American Legion Christmas show on December Twenty Second was discussed at some length (See front page). The Board agreed that no action was appropriate at this time, but that better control will be needed next year to prevent discouraging volunteer performers.

Prior to his departure from the area, long term member **Harry HARTMAN** donated his collection of *LINKING RINGS* to RING SEVENTY SIX, a total of eighteen volumes for the years 1971 to 1988. Several options for their disposal were discussed with the result that they will be placed in *BRAD BURT'S MAGIC SHOP*, along with IBM literature and Membership Applications, as part of a 1990 IBM Membership Campaign. Leftovers will be disposed of at our FEBRUARY AUCTION. The next Board Meeting will be at Brad's on February Fifth.

JANUARY MEETING

...what's coming

Original or Handcrafted Magic will be our theme on Monday, January Fifteenth. This theme has been chosen to fit our *LINKING RING* "PARADE" deadline of the Twenty Eighth of February, 1990 in hopes that more original material, suitable for inclusion, will turn up. **Frank SYREN**, our compiler, has some now, but needs more in order to make a full article. Magic for the evening's entertainment on January Fifteenth can be a totally original effect, an original routine, an improvement or a modification to a Dealer's item, or handcrafted. I know Charter Member **Ed GREENE** plans to show us a special table he's made which will do most anything.

At Six Forty Five *BRAD BURT'S MAGIC SHOP* will conduct a "Dealer Demo" featuring new magic for 1990 and focusing on the new Tenyo Magic. We will have our usual business meeting at seven thirty, our monthly raffle, and the magic at about eight P.M.

SLEIGHTLY NEWS

ROUND TOWN

- ☆ From **Stan ALLEN's** *INSIDE MAGIC* - watch for **Harry ANDERSON** (of "NIGHT COURT" fame) on the "DISNEYLAND THIRTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY" special, airing February Thirteenth on the Disney Channel. Also, **Harry** usually works one Monday each month at the Hermosa Beach Comedy and Magic Club doing his "Con Man" routine; if you're up that way.
- ☆ **Magic Mike STILWELL** had an extra busy holiday season (like everybody) with Xmas orders, shows galore, and a quick appearance on "*SUN UP, SAN DIEGO*" with Jerry G. Bishop on December Twenty

Second. **Mike** did some nice Xmas Magic including his (what else) his Santa Paper Tear. Hope you saw him. I can't even find the coffee at that hour; much less the TV Set!

- ☆ AND it was like a mini-Entertainer's meeting at the new *SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER* on January Fourth. The "CONVIS" Group sponsored a trade show for folks who provide services to the Tourist Industry. Pres. **Dick DALE** there, on TV with **Jack WHITE**, along with **MAGIC MIKE**, **Craig STONE**, **KAZOO**, **BOFO the Clown**, **STAR the Mime**, **Steve SLOAN**, and many others.
- ☆ **Jim WHITING** reports that the "MAGIC DAY" Blood Drive on January Sixth was a huge success, and that the *SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK* folks were very appreciative of our participation. **Dick DALE**, **Robin FREELAND**, and **Jim WHITING** performed at the Escondido Center along with *MAGICIAN'S GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA* members, **Terry & Amy RUNYON**, and **Mike MARR**. Dual Member **Jack MARKLEY** held forth over in Oceanside along with **Rick GORECKI**, and Ring Seventy Six covered the down town center with V.P. **Bob INGALLS**, **Loch David CRANE**, **Dave (Caligarti) NELSON** and **Henry VACA**. Many thanks to all the volunteers who will be sporting those classy (collectible) T-SHIRTS which Jim designed.
- ☆ **Jack MARKLEY** has also been busy promoting the up-coming *FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN MAGICIANS* Convention in Riverside on February Sixteenth and Seventeenth (Flyer in this issue). He will be lecturing on Gospel Magic on Friday the Sixteenth at Nine Thirty AM, but don't wait. You can see his clever and extra funny table magic at *BORRELLI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT* in Oceanside every Thursday Night from Six to Eight PM.

JUNIOR CORNER

Our June Meeting was held at *BRAD BURT'S MAGIC SHOP* on Friday, January Fifth, and we started our year off with a lot of new business. We elected our officers for 1990, and the following slate was voted in:

President:..... Logan Hale

Vice President: Aaron Hoskins

Treasurer:..... Ryan Halbach

Secretary:..... Richard Killeaney

We also implemented a point system whereby the members will earn points for various deeds; such as meeting attendance, performing before a group, sponsoring new members, etc., and the points will accumulate to take the member to advanced levels of recognition. There are, currently, four levels of achievement: Sorcerer's Apprentice, Sorcerer, Master Magician, and the Junior Order of Merlin. As each member attains a level, he or she will receive a special name tag to be worn at all functions and will receive an award of magical apparatus such as Rings, Cups and Balls, etc.

We then worked on the *PROFESSOR'S NIGHTMARE* and taught everyone the standard routine and Daryl's advanced routine. Thanks to Bob Ingalls, Jerry Jagorda, and Bob Schneeloch for helping with the task. The meeting was attended by eleven members and four guests of whom three became members by evening's end.

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club, three of whom joined in December, and three at this meeting: Christopher Correa, Jim Bray, Rachel Lent, James Baxter, Amber Stillman, and Eric Stillman. This brings our total membership to nineteen, and growing fast.

Next meeting will be at *BRAD BURT'S MAGIC SHOP* on Friday, February Second, and we hope to have one of our IBM members come and teach us some new miracles. Till then, keep practicing.

CROSS TALK

- Nice turn-out for the *MAGIC GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA*'s **Arnold FURST** lecture on January Second in Carlsbad. Arnold lectured on Hypnotism, describing the differences between *Stage* Hypnotism and, what he characterized as *Real* Hypnotism, i.e. the type of Hypnotism used in therapy or treatment, including what he calls his instant Hypnotism. Arnold also offered great buys on several books including his own, a book by **Ormond McGILL**, and books by several other writers.
- **Remember!** The next *M G S C* meeting will be a special one on January Thirtieth for the **Bev BERGERON** lecture. This will be their "February" meeting a week early, and it starts at Seven P.M. at the Lutheran Health Facility, 201 Grand Avenue in Carlsbad (Corner of Grand and Carlsbad Boulevard). The **BERGERON** lecture will probably start at about Seven Forty Five or so, and is free to Members. Non-Members will be charged only three dollars. THIS is a fantastic value for a lecture by a man who has been around magic almost as long as **James SWOGER** !
- The *ORANGE COUNTY MAGIC CLUB* will sponsor a lecture by **Kevin JAMES** on Tuesday, January Sixteenth (night after our meeting) at Eight P.M. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 12301 Magnolia Boulevard in Garden Grove, CA. You saw **Kevin** at the IBM Convention last summer, and you can enjoy his first American lecture for five dollars. Call **Joyce BASCH** at (213) 598-1988 for more info.
- If this reaches you in time, you can still catch **Dale SALWAK**'s "*STARS OF MAGIC*" show at Orange Coast College in

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Costa Mesa on January Thirteenth (that's **THIS** Saturday), or wait a bit and see it at Glendora Citrus College on February Tenth.

- **AND**, for the travelers! - IBM Ring Sixty in Austin, Texas, is hosting the "biggest annual Magic Auction ever held" on February Twenty Fourth. I'm told that this is an all-day event - and last year it grossed over \$14,000 in sales - **NOW THAT'S AN AUCTION !** Don't forget ours on February Nineteenth.

MAGIC LECTURE

KEVIN JAMES

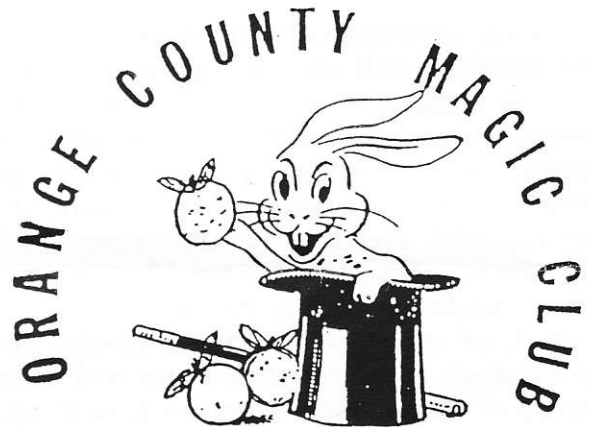


- Lastly - for **Marcus DAY** and I (and maybe **Joe THOMPSON**) the annual 'Magic Collector's Weekend' is set for April Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh in Chicago - see me for more details.

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(SEE " CROSSTALK" for details)

PLEASE TAKE THIS TO, AND READ IT AT, YOUR NEXT CLUB MEETING.
(We are counting on you to share this letter with your club)

TO: All PCAM Clubs - Present, Past and Potential

FROM: The Formulating Committee of the Proposed Permanent "PCAM Convention Committee"

SUBJECT: New Process For Putting On PCAM Conventions.

ACTION REQUESTED FROM YOUR CLUB:

Discuss possibility of your club making a bid for hosting the 1992, 1993 or 1994 PCAM convention.

... bids will be accepted at the February PCAM convention.
(February 16-19... Oxnard, California)

PROPOSED NEW PROCESS AIMED AT:

- REDUCING HOST CLUB'S RISK
- INSURING CONSISTENTLY HIGH QUALITY CONVENTIONS
- MAINTAINING THE "LOCAL", HOST CLUB FRIENDLINESS AND PERSONALITY.

At the last PCAM convention--1988 in Santa Barbara--Ernie Nassimbene was asked to look into finding a possible solution for the problem PCAM has been having putting on conventions.

A team of seven experienced members of PCAM were pulled together to help formulate a plan. The team has been meeting since May, has been drawing on the experience of many others and has arrived at what appears to be a very solid approach. There is much work yet to be done, but the fundamentals are in place.

ASK YOURSELVES THIS; "Given the reasons for clubs not sponsoring a convention in the past--financial risk and planning effort--, if the convention committee can relieve your club of these two tasks, would you consider being a partner with the PCAM Convention Committee to host a PCAM convention?"

KEY POINTS OF PROPOSED NEW PROCESS

1. PCAM assumes the financial risk and financial control of the convention.
2. Host Club focuses on providing the "feel", "personality", "pazzaz" and "fun" for the convention.
3. PCAM Convention Committee and the Host Club will work together to provide the manpower to put on the convention.
4. Host Club will receive a workbook describing what its responsibilities are, with budgets, guidelines and hints for making each task easier and more successful.
5. Host Club will receive some of the profits from the convention and all of the profits from any miscellaneous fund raisers it chooses to do.
6. The remaining money will go into a PCAM convention account to be used to insure the high quality and success of future conventions.

In general, the PCAM Convention Committee will assume the responsibility and chairmanship of those parts of the convention which can significantly affect the financial success of the convention, and for those parts for which year to year continuity is important.

The Host Club will "own" all aspects of the convention other than those the Convention Committee is responsible for.

MORE INFORMATION AT THE FEBRUARY CONVENTION... Have a delegate at the February convention to get all the details. Please join us to help put PCAM back on its feet and on its way to putting on the most exciting and "friendliest" conventions of them all.

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ANNUAL MAGIC

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Regular Business Meeting promptly at 7:30 PM, followed by a Break and the Raffle -
AUCTION will start about 8:00 PM

RULES FOR SELLERS: PLEASE - PRIME ITEMS ONLY (the junk went at the Nov Swap Meet)

1. Items to be sold must be listed in triplicate; copy for seller, Auctioneer and Recorder. Minimum bids (if any) listed or "No Min. Bid"
2. Items must be complete and include instructions - OR CAREFULLY ANNOTATED AS TO WHAT'S MISSING.
3. Items should be packaged individually (recommend Zip-Loc bags) for convenience in handling. Condition of item should be indicated: Poor, Good, Excellent or New.
4. Magazines and Pamphlets should be packaged in groups. Hardbound books will be auctioned individually if desired.
5. New Dealers items will not be auctioned; but can be sold directly after the Auction.
6. Sellers will receive proceeds at the end of the evening, less 10% Club Fee.

RULES FOR BUYERS:

1. All Buyers register at the door and pick up a numbered Bidder's Card.
2. Sales will be cash only - No CHECKS. Recommend Buyers bring currency in small denominations and change.
3. Items will be given to winning bidders as sold; Buyers will pay for winning bids at each break.

PROCEDURE:

1. Only 3 or 4 items per seller will be offered at a time until each seller's items have been offered once. A break will occur after all sellers have been seen, during which Buyers will pay for winning bids.
2. The second rotation will start with the first seller again and continue with breaks, until all seller's items have been exhausted.

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