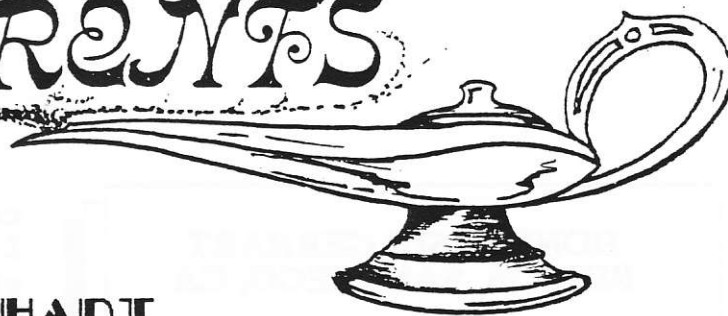


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XMAS DINNER TIME

And already I'm getting hungry for another of those tasty, surprise, XMAS Dishes like we had several of last year. If you haven't begun cooking up your favorite recipe for this year, Get Busy!

Food Coordinator **Dick DALE** has close to a third of our Membership signed up with an incredible variety of wonderful sounding dishes, but that leaves a whole lot of you who haven't called in yet. The Deadline was last Monday at Six P.M., but we still might have room to sneak you in. Call **Dick** at 562-7379 to see.

There will be a slight change to the Time Table in last month's Pot-Luck Flyer (See details inside under "December Meeting"), and we will have the Xmas *GIFT EXCHANGE* as announced at last month's meeting. Please limit gifts to five dollars, or under, and they should be non-magical, uni-sex type gifts. Bring one along so that it can go to anybody, and put it in the "pile", and then you get to take one home. It will all make for a special fun evening, and remember, no regular meeting on the Seven-

teenth.

New Subject - Our annual donation to the American Legion Xmas party is set for Six P.M. on Friday, December Twenty First. We need about thirty minutes of magic show prior to "Santa's Arrival". **Loch CRANE** and **Tom CLAYTOR** have already volunteered to perform, but we could use one or two more. Call me at 569-0096 if you'd like to do a few

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Prez's Mezzage

XMAS TIME ALREADY! And we can sure use a little **GOOD CHEER**, what with the Mid East crisis, Economic Slump, Keating Five stuff, and similar depressing goings-on. SO - time to **GET INTO XMAS**, and forget your troubles and world problems. Sometimes easier to say than to do; besides didn't we just 'do' Xmas about four and one half months ago?

Thank our lucky stars for our hobbies, avocations, and professions - Magic, to keep our spirits up. Most people have to wait for Xmas for a "lift", while we have our spirit lifter year round, and not only is it uplifting, but **HEALTHY** as well, as proven time and again in Hospitals, Retirement Homes, and other Care facilities. So let's kick-off the **XMAS** and **MAGIC** Season at our annual Pot-Luck Dinner next Monday Evening. Hope you are signed up by now. It may be too late.

My Sincere Wishes to you all for the best of the Holiday Season, and for a most rewarding, Happy, New Decade! (Technically it starts January First, 1991, but I won't argue.) And let me pass along my most favorite adage, "We don't stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing." See ya on the Tenth!

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minutes of Xmas Magic for our hosts at the American Legion.

And LOOK. LOOK. See what's included with this month's *MAGICURRENTS*: Your New Membership Roster! Wow! One Hundred and Thirty Seven strong - highest ever, and a big WELCOME to the following new members who joined at the November meeting: **Ken DEAR**, **Terry** and **Amy RUNYON**, **Sta-**

cey MACKENZIE, **Bruce & Terry LOVE**, **Stephen MARTIN**, **Steve & Stephanie WETHERBEE**, **George ENOS**, **Monica MEFFORD**, **Mellicent RICHARDSON**, and **Cynthia DOWNS**.

Please check your listing on the Roster carefully for accuracy, specifically street addresses and ZIP Codes, and call me promptly with any correction. I make this same plea every year, and somebody always comes up to me six months later to report that they are not getting their newsletter, only to find that we've had the wrong address or Zip Code. The Post Office sometimes forwards, and sometimes NOT, so we need your help.

And, lastly, a very, very nice letter from **Jack WHITE**, concerning our Public Show, is included with his permission. Don't thank us, Jack, we **THANK YOU!**

NOVEMBER MEETING

— or what you missed

Extra Full Turnout for the **Hank MOORE-HOUSE** Lecture in November. Fifty Three Members, Two Guests, and Two Juniors, including Ten New Members who joined during the evening. VP **Bob INGALLS** did a neat little Close-Up Session as our pre-meeting event. (Anybody else want to volunteer for one?) President **J.P. JACKSON** welcomed the guests and new members, presented an

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VINCENT THE MAGICIAN

by Jim Whiting



IBM Membership to **Gary SCHWARTZ-WALD**, and read the official Mayoral Proclamation from **Maureen O'CONNER** concerning National Magic Week.

The treasury was reported "sound", the Secretary's Minutes were reported in the last *MAGICURRENTS*, and we raced through a quick raffle, which included a full set of *BUMPER'S* Linking Rings, to get to the main event: **Hank MOOREHOUSE**. "*COMEDY ON STAGE*" was the title; and, indeed, it was. Lots of good, working, fun stuff with all standard props.

He started with a nice tip on "getting introduced" for any performance, and went into some very enlightening material with Sponge Balls which included the best audience participation for this old standard that I've ever seen. Again it's not "what" but "how". He did a clever routine with a one hundred dollar bill, signed, burned, and relocated in a *Lippencot Box*, but the bits, asides, and byplay made it unique, and extra fun.

A nice *TEN CARD/THREE CARDS ACROSS* routine followed, demonstrating some exceptional handling (in plain sight), and then he borrowed a cigarette, got mixed up and lit the lighter with the cig, with lots of other funny bits with lighters and cigs. It was even done with appropriate applications for non-smokers - nice.

He demonstrated his handling and unique patter for the "*DO NOTHING (OR BOO BOO) BAR*" with every possible "doing nothing" gag ever heard, and followed with a very involved *CUT AND RESTORED ROPE* item: double ropes, big fat, double knots in an incredible mess until the restoration. It's called the *GUATEMALA ROPE TRICK*, and is based on the *PANAMA ROPE* routine from *TARBELL* - check it out.

He finished with a nice version of the "*SIDEWALK SHUFFLE*", and we all took a

break. After resetting, Hank went through the entire act a second time with explanations, tips, and details; AND an extra good tip on how to get the audience to applaud and when. He added several neat items from Europe including a chosen card from one half of a deck, an amazing "force" with a \$100 dollar bill tied to the last piece of "knitted" rope chosen, and finished it all with sponge Multiplying Cats which permitted the enhancement of this old classic with *SOUND EFFECTS* - Great Idea!

BOARD MEETING

The Board met on December Third at **Jeff & Peggy MARCUS's** home with **Sherry LUFT, J.P.JACKSON, Bob INGALLS, Jan EASTMAN, and Dick, Julia, & Ericka DALE**. The Board approved an expenditure of approximately Forty Dollars for the purchase of Xmas Table Settings (Cups, Plates, Napkins, etc.) for the Xmas Pot-Luck Dinner.

Future Meeting themes and pre-meeting events were discussed at length. The January meeting theme will be "*Mystery Bag*" night. Performers for the December Twenty First American Legion Xmas Party were discussed. One or two more volunteers are required. The next Board Meeting is on Monday, January Seventh, at **Jeff & Peggy MARCUS's**

UP 'N COMING

- January Twenty First Meeting: Dealer Demo by **Brad BURT** with new stuff for '91. And "*Mystery Bag Night*" (Details in January issue of *MAGICURRENTS*.)
- February Eighteenth Meeting: **BIG ANNUAL AUCTION**.
- MARCH Eighteenth Meeting: **Warren STEPHENS** Lecture.

DECEMBER MEETING ...or what's coming

The Annual POT-LUCK Dinner on December Tenth is our event for the month. There will be no regular meeting on December Seventeenth, so don't show up a week late wondering where everybody is! The flyer in last month's *MAGICCURRENTS* indicated that the social hour started at Six P.M. NOTE THIS CHANGE: The big room will be occupied until Six Thirty P.M. so we won't have access until then. If you are bringing a hot dish (as in foodstuff), time your arrival for six

thirty, and please wrap it so it will stay warm until dinner. If you want to start socializing at Six, we have been invited to use the downstairs bar, so meet there. We will still plan to start dinner at about seven fifteen, or so, but we'll need a little help in setting up the tables with the many wonderful dishes that you're bringing.

REMEMBER - NO FREELOADING. You must bring a dish in order to participate in the DINNER AND THE SHOW. (Don't be an embarrassment by coming in late and saying, "Well, I just came for the Entertainment." Somebody always does.) AND don't forget the GIFT EXCHANGE - ya gotta bring one to get one.

ANNOUNCING 16th Annual Edition

Dale Salwak's **STARS OF MAGIC**

JAN 12th: ORANGE COAST COLLEGE
in COSTA MESA



Carl Ballantine



Fukai & Kimika



Peter Pit



Ed Alonzo



Dale Salwak

SLEIGHTLY NEWS ROUND TOWN

- ☆ On November Twenty Eighth Producer **Don HALBACH** and President **J.P.JACKSON** presented a check for Four Hundred Dollars to Dr. **Rebecca FLECK**, Assistant Medical Director, and **Lynn STEDD**, Community Relations Director, of *THE SAN DIEGO BLOOD AND BONE MARROW BANK*. The check represented the Ring Seventy Six donation from the proceeds of our recent Public Show and was gratefully received. Plans are already underway for next year's "Production" on Saturday, October Nineteenth, 1991.
- ☆ Don't forget the **Richard TURNER** Lecture at **Brad BURT's** Magic Shop on Wednesday, December Twelfth, at Seven P.M. Admission is Fifteen Dollars, payable at the door, and there are still a few seats left.
- ☆ And if you really wanna have a fancy Magic Xmas outing, try the *Holiday Bowl Poinsettia Ball* on December Twenty Eighth. It's a Black Tie Gala called "*FANTASY UNDER THE SEA*" at the *SAN DIEGO MARRIOTT HOTEL AND MARINA*, benefitting Holiday Bowl teams, and featuring "various magicians" (?). Ticket Info: 283-5803.

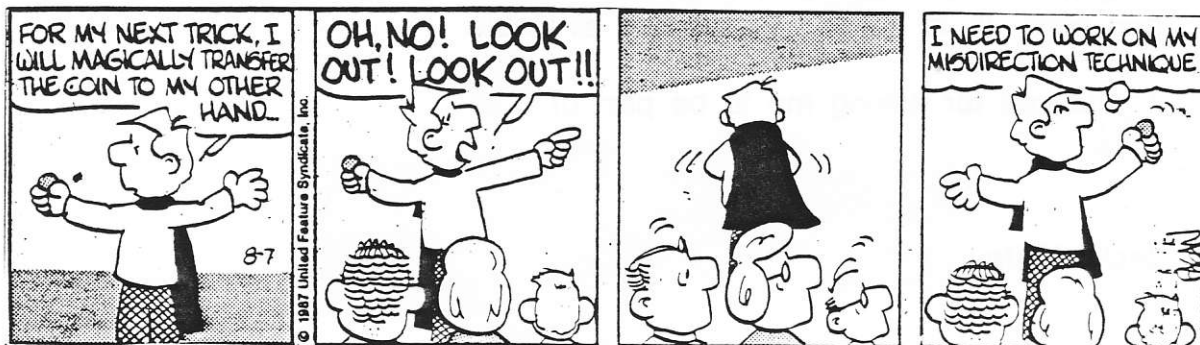
CROSS TALK

- *THE MAGIC GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA's* January Meeting will be on the January Eighth (the Second Tuesday) vice January First for obvious reasons. The meeting place is as yet undetermined.
- IBM Ring #254, The **KARREL FOX RING**, will have their Annual Installation Banquet and Xmas Show in Redlands, CA, on Tuesday, December Eleventh. Cost is Twelve Dollars per person. If you're up that way, call me for directions.
- Last chance to catch this year's production of **Dale SALWAK's** "*STARS OF MAGIC*" Show (Popular Title) on January Twelfth at *ORANGE COAST COLLEGE* in Costa Mesa, CA. (See Flyer)
- ☆ Long Beach, Ring Ninety Six, will have a Holiday Magic Gift Exchange at their regular meeting on Saturday, December Fifteenth. Attendees are to bring a new or used trick or book for the exchange. They meet at the *Jacoboni Library*, 5020 N. Clark Ave., Lakewood, CA starting at Seven Fifteen PM - (s'only two hours up the pike).

J. P. Jackson

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November 18, 1990,

J.P. Jackson President
Ring 76 International Brotherhood of Magicians
5746 Tortuga Road
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Dear Mr. Jackson and Members,

May I begin by saying thank you to Sherry Luft for the most kind words in the November edition of "Magicurrents" I truly appreciate them.

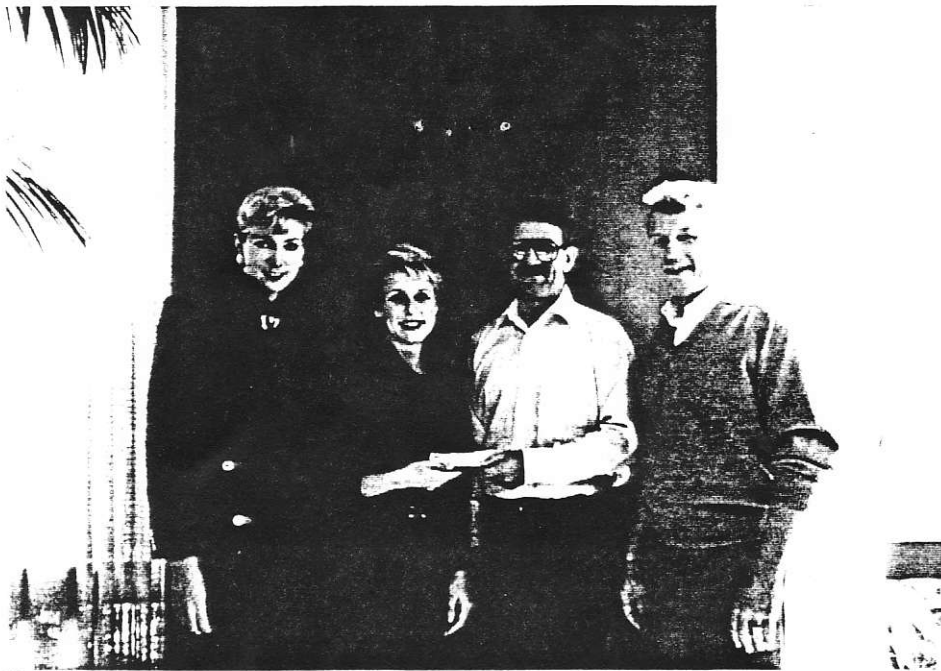
It was of course a great honor to be part of a Ring 76 event and to work with an outstanding group of magicians. I want to single out for special praise Mike Klicman who acted as Producer, Director, Stage Manager and all around nice guy to a lot of "nervous nellies" backstage. I would hope that Ring 76 has a "Special" thanks for him and his dedication to duty.

It is always a pleasure to work with the likes of Bob Ingalls, Jim Whiting, Dick Dale and Jim Alburger. I also wish to thank the folks who worked the audience before the show started and had them ready for us. It was a nice touch and made our jobs easier.

Ring 76 has come so far in the past 20-years since I first joined. Sid Gerhart for whom the Ring is named would be very proud of the things you have done and what you are doing. The donation to the San Diego Blood Bank's Bone Marrow Program will certainly perform magic. Sid believed that everyone needed a little magic in their life and Ring 76 is making that magic available.

Thank you for asking me to be part of it all.


Jack White



Don HALBACH, producer of the recent Ring 76 Public Show in San Diego, with President J.P. JACKSON, present a check from show proceeds to Dr. Rebecca FLECK, Assistant Medical Director, and Lynn STEDD, Community Relations Director of the San Diego Blood Bank and Bone Marrow Program.
(L to R: Lynn STEDD, Rebecca FLECK, Don HALBACH, J.P. JACKSON)

PUBLIC SHOW SUCCESS

SAN DIEGO RING 76 sponsored a Public Show "STARS of MAGIC" recently which resulted in a donation of \$400 to the San Diego Blood Bank and Bone Marrow Donor Program. Local ABC TV personality Jack WHITE was Master of Ceremonies for a two performance production which featured past Ring President Dick DALE; producer Don HALBACH; the Magic Team of "ICE and PARIS"; the illusions of "CAMERON and Company" and President of the San Diego Junior Magicians, Logan HALE, who was a recent, first place winner at Tannen's Magic Summer Camp.

Ring 76 member Mike KLICMAN was the show Director and was ably assisted by Ring Members Jim ALBURGER, VP Bob INGALLS and Vic MINERT and many others who 'pushed' tickets; hung posters, publicized the show and took tickets. Clowns "P.J. PINEAPPLE" and "PERIWINKLE" entertained during the pre-show 'warm-up' along with Close-Uppers Patrick RAVENAL and Ken DEAR. Next years production is already set for Saturday, October 19th, 1991, with even bigger successes anticipated !

(Linking Ring Article for Feb '91)

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